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A telescope of considerable power will be necessary to view these phenomena satisfactorily.

The Earth will pass through the plane of Saturn's rings on April 12th and October 4th, where they will become practically invisible.

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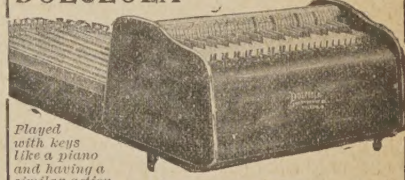
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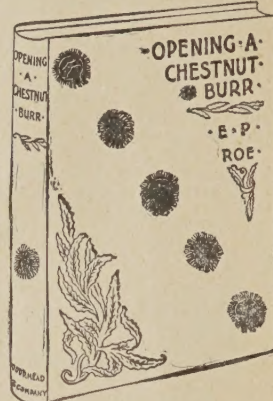
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A HORDE of little naked red imps surrounded me, climbed upon and over me, grinning fiendishly, piercing my quivering flesh with red-hot, sharp-pointed needles. One vicious monster sat swinging his crimson legs over the edge of a huge air-ship I had just seen float down from the upper regions, and directing his minions in their deeds of torture, while, in the background, as far as my horrified eyes could pierce the shimmering atmosphere, extended, tier upon tier, great beasts of unknown lineage, reversing all known laws of Nature in their twisted, grotesque anatomy, green-hued forms, with fiery, menacing eyes, all turned full upon my shrinking person, gibing awfully, hissing and spitting, and threatening me with extended-claws. I essayed to move, to draw myself into a smaller space, to escape the portending onslaughts. A grinning demon with one swift slash of a gleaming sword separated my right leg at the knee-joint. A thousand approving demoniac cackles of glee rent the air. Then hopping, dancing, mouthing, they piled upon my breast, fastened their bony fingers to my throat, and I lost consciousness.

How real it all seemed to me! I was lost in the Mojave desert, and had wandered—God knows how long, over the great, limitless ocean of burning, billowy, yellow sand, reaching to the horizon in all four directions, with never a break in the awful monotony, except such as was afforded by the occasional clump of cruel cactus, over which I would blindly stumble, falling prone upon my face and hands, filling my flesh with the sharp needles, then struggling desperately to my feet and plunging on.

A venomous Gila monster now and again would confront me with cold, reptilian eyes, puffing his little body to the bursting point in indignation at my obtruding upon his solitude, and blowing his foul, poisonous breath into my face, in one mighty effort at expulsion.

An occasional diamond-backed rattler would glide in front of me, or pause to coil and strike.

Then, at length, I fell and could not rise, and the delirium of fever seized upon me. The air became peopled with the horrid imps I have described, until, swollen-tongued and mumbling incoherent protests against my fate, a blessed unconsciousness blotted out the hellish phantasies.

When I awoke, a kindly Navajo was bending over my couch of skins, and the sound of cool waters greeted my ear. I was safe and snug in the Navajo Indian camp, on the bank of the deep-canyoned Colorado.

I had been raving "twice so many days"—and the Indian extended the fingers of both his broad, brown hands—twenty days I had lain here unconscious.

One of their young men had found me a number of miles off the beaten trails, lying lifeless upon my face, my mouth and ears filled with sand, and my hands torn and blood-stained from my plunges into the cactus. The white, glistening thigh-bone of some dead animal lay at my side, with which, doubtless, I had striven to ward off the phantoms of my delirium, while still possessed of consciousness.

All this, and much more, my red-skinned saviors told me, during the period of convalescence which ensued.

One afternoon, a week after my return to consciousness, I awoke from a pleasing dream of home and familiar presences, to find a beautiful young Indian maiden standing by my side, and wonderingly regarding my features.

The Escape from the Navajoes

A Powerful Tale of the West

By Walter G. Patterson

In Two Parts

I call her an Indian maiden because she was clad in Indian dress; but her face was that of a white girl. Her eyes were blue, her nose Grecian; and she had the oval face, and full, short upper-lip of the lovely women the poet Byron describes so entrancingly.

I wondered for a time if this were a recurrence of my perturbed imaginings. If it were, I approved most thoroughly of this substitution in the character of my vision.

Her skin was brown from constant out-of-door life, and at this moment her face was flushed, seemingly with emotion at the sight of a white man, a stranger who had been dropped down from the clouds, from that strange, far-away country where, she had been told by one of the older squaws, her own ancestors had lived. I knew at the first glance that no Indian blood flowed in her veins, and as our acquaintance ripened after that first sight I had of her, I drew her story from her so far as she knew her own weird history. The rest I got from others, piecemeal. I will attempt to weave it into a connected narrative, for it is indelibly impressed upon my memory to the slightest detail. It has been many long years since I heard it told, but, in my mind's eye I can see every move of her lithe form, full of the graces of untrammelled nature, as she moved about my couch, on her almost hourly visits to the wickiup which had been allotted me, supremely unmindful of the scowling



"I awoke to find an Indian Maiden at my side."

browed young Navajo brave, who was ambitious to make her his squaw.

What a fate that would have been for this queenly, fair-browed Caucasian! And it was not to be her fate. I made this firm resolve when I caught the first tender glances she cast upon me, in the innocence of ignorance, and I lived to carry it out, and to make her the wife of my own bosom instead.

But this is telling my story backwards. I will begin at the beginning.

An overland wagon train on the Utah trail, five hundred miles farther Northward, had been broken and scattered by a band of hostile Piutes—seventeen years before the time of which I write—and one solitary ox-drawn prairie schooner, or canvass-topped farm-wagon, had escaped pursuit. This wagon had turned to the southwest, hoping to thereby elude any other watchful bands of hostiles, and to reach the El Dorado, the Golden California, by an untried route.

The occupants of the wagon had escaped the tomahawks of the Piutes only to fall victims to the far more cruel and blood thirsty Brule Apaches. Of the party, one man had escaped by plunging into the Colorado

river and swimming to the California shore, and a baby girl had been rescued by a chief's daughter in a tender moment, and later on this infant child had been captured from the Apaches by the Navajoes.

The name given the babe by the Apache maiden was Wallona, signifying the sunshine, or any bright object, and although the Navajo people had a different word to express the same meaning, the name Wallona had clung to the white child after she had fallen into their hands.

Of course the name by which she had been christened by her parents, as well as the parental patronymic itself, was unknown to these savage people. To them, and later to myself, the fair young creature was simply Wallona.

For seventeen long years she had lived the life of a savage, knowing only what they knew, worshipping the fetiches, listening for voices in the wind, and having all the strange fancies of these people; yet, with it all, she developed many traits of poetic refinement which were inherent in her soul, from her superior lineage.

One day when Wallona had reached the age of ten, at a time when all the Indian tribes of the Southwest were at peace with one another, and with the white people of the Section as well, an old trapper and Indian scout, known at the forts as old man Hardy, had come among the Navajoes to make inquiry for a female white child, who had been taken by them from their Apache enemies some five or six years before.

He had gone first to the Brule Apaches to make his search, and had there learned that she had been stolen from the wigwam of Geronimo's daughter by a marauding party of Arizona Navajoes.

The white man informed the latter people that the father of their little captive was the same brave pale-face who had escaped the murderous Brules nearly ten years before, by swimming the dangerous Colorado that he had made his way across the desert to the Pacific coast, after enduring many hardships, and that now he was the wealthiest man in the whole great State.

Hardy had heard this man relating his experiences at the hands of the Indians, and all his subsequent adventures; and had heard then of the bare possibility that the life of the man's infant daughter had been spared by the savages. Rumors had reached the grief-stricken parent once or twice some five or six years back, through army officers, that the Apaches were rearing a beautiful, blue-eyed white girl. But though he had made the most strenuous efforts since those early reports to learn something more definite and confirmatory concerning the child, and more especially, as to which particular Apache tribe held her captive, he had been unable to learn anything further.

It so happened that old man Hardy had also heard that there was a young white prisoner in the hands of Geronimo's painted fiends. He did not know the age, nor the sex of the captive, and he, likewise, had heard no further talk concerning it of recent years. If he had given the matter a thought at all, he would not have considered it a cause for wonderment that the history of a white prisoner in such hands as Geronimo's should terminate abruptly. His surprise would rather have been that such history had continued to exist after the first few hours of captivity. Geronimo sometimes held his unfortunate prisoners a half a day or so, while his mind was busy concocting some fresh specialty in torture in their behalf; but never longer than that. However, the old trapper determined privately to make inquiries when next he should be in the Apache fastnesses; and if he got trace of the child, he would take steps then to liberate it, and restore it to its parent. It would be cruelty to raise false hopes in the father's breast prematurely, and then have to disappoint him. So, until he was sure, he would say nothing at all about either his hopes, or his intentions.

His subsequent inquiries among the quasi-peaceful

Apaches, had raised the trapper's slight hopes to almost certain success. He found a less gruesome reason for the cessation of talk among Apache visitors, concerning their fair-skinned prisoner, and he straightway followed up the clue obtained, by hurrying Northward to the camp of the ever-friendly Navajoes. Here he found an unexpected obstacle. The Navajoes, quite unlike the Indians usual emotionless nature, had grown to love the white child—far more than they had ever loved any of their own offspring—and refused point-blank to give her up.

The trapper argued, bargained and finally threatened

to bring the soldiers and take the child by force.

The group of impassive-countenanced chiefs, who had listened to his importunities while gathered together soberly in council, viewed his arguments with stoical indifference and treated his bargaining with disdain.

They regarded the white child Wallona as a goddess sent to them by the Great Spirit to bring them luck and fortune in war. They scoffed at Hardy's threats, and intimated that with the first appearance of the pale-faced soldiers, they would hurl Wallona from the high cliffs into the seething Colorado, six hundred

feet below; they would return her thus to the Great Spirit from whom they had received her, and thereby appease or avert the anger which would result were they to commit the sacrilegious crime of delivering her to the Indian's hereditary enemy.

Old man Hardy had gone away then. He knew that the Navajoes would be suspicious of his every movement after this unavailing medicine-talk had been had, and that their fetish man would seize upon their first flimsy pretext to demand his death, and thereby make it impossible for him to carry out his threat about the soldiers.

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Thompson's Two Wives

By A. W. Koenig

MR. THOMPSON had been more than ordinarily blessed in the matrimonial line—numerically at least. Most men have had but one wife—and frequently thought that too much—but Mr. Thompson had had two, and the present Mrs. Thompson never allowed him to forget it. She was consumed by jealousy—as second wives frequently are—and through this jealousy and because of it, a sort of rivalry was kept up between those two—the quick and the dead.

Mr. Thompson, the bi-married, was moderately well off, fairly even tempered, and considered a good fellow among his male friends; but the life of Frances, which might otherwise have been bright and happy, was made utterly miserable because of Julia.

Thompson loved his wife Frances, but she could not forget that he had once loved Julia also—perhaps loved her still. The idea of sharing her husband's affections with another woman, be she dead or alive, was a thought that this very much alive wife could not for a moment tolerate, and the bare possibility of it haunted her.

She brooded and worried over it by day, and dreamed of it by night, until she came to regard that poor dead woman in her grave with such deadly hatred and fear as she felt for no living creature.

The more she hated Julia the more fiercely she loved Thompson, and the more suspicious and exacting-tempered did she become, till really the poor man's life was made a burden to him. Did he chance to be moody, she immediately surmised that he was grieving for his lost Julia, and an instant and sharp rallying was resorted to, by the way of bringing him back to his present surroundings.

If tender of mood, she forthwith suspected that he had been conniving over letters—letters of his youth and early love—and resented his tenderness accordingly. Was he morose, for any reason under heaven, he was supposed to be comparing his last deal unfavorably with his first. Did he sing, he was singing the song that Julia loved. Did he read aloud, she guessed that he read those tales before—under similar circumstances!

On each and every occasion she made her feelings understood in unmistakable language. Thompson's plea of "not guilty" was never known to save him. Of course he was not guilty, according to his own statement, was her mental comment. What husband would dare plead guilty to a second wife of tender regretful thoughts of the first? Did her husband take her for a fool?

As for that dead wife, she thrust herself forward as no dead wife should. She was forever appearing before Frances' eyes and hanging around Frances' husband. It seemed that she would not relinquish her claim, even in death, refusing to recognize the later and more binding claims of her successor. No wonder Frances was angered.

When her husband brooded, that white form in its winding sheet seemed to lean over him and whisper comfortingly. In his tender moods the transparent hand smoothed his hair, and the pale lips smiled as they doubtless had done in life. When he sang, a wan ghost stood beside him, and waved its spirit hand in time to the music. When he read, a pallid face hung above him and seemed to listen.

Sometimes a harsh, discordant laugh broke from the phantom lips; a laugh of triumph, when Thompson was harsh or unkind to his second. To him it sounded only like a creaking door or window, but Frances knew the truth. Oh, yes, she knew. No wonder she was almost crazy. No wonder, too, that the vials of her wrath—always in a state of fermentation—were forever exploding their corks and emptying themselves upon his unhappy head, utterly and entirely. Thompson stood it until he could stand it no longer. He was driven to wish at times that he had two graves to tend, instead of one—that Frances was peacefully sleeping beside Julia.

It was an August night, and the moon shone as only an August moon can. It blazed through the open window and fell across the bed where Frances was sleeping calmly after the work and worries of the day. Slowly the beams crept along until they fell upon the tired face; she moaned and stirred.

Presently she became aware of something else creeping besides the moonbeams—a shadowy something through the half closed door. It glided softly to the bed; it bent over and fixed its glassy eyes upon her face. She felt its icy breath upon her cheek and tried to scream, but fear paralyzed her. It sought and found her hand—the left hand, on which she wore her wedding ring. She felt her palm encircled by the death cold fingers; saw stony eyes fixed upon the golden circlet. Again she tried to voice her agony, but her tongue refused to do her bidding.

Noiselessly the phantom took its seat on the bed be-

curdling laugh caused the hair of Mrs. Thompson to rise upon her head.

"But," proceeded the spirit, "I who am dead am nobler than you who live, and it is I who love our husband best. For his sake I renounce my claim, and resign my place in his heart and memory, on one condition only; that never again, waking or sleeping, in thought, in word or in deed, do you visit upon his head the fact of my former existence. For this have I come tonight. To make with you a solemn covenant. So long as you keep it you will hear from me no more. Should you ever break it, we will meet again."

Oh, if the mattress would only open, and close again above her benighted head, that she might escape from those dreadful eyes, was the cry of Frances' agonized soul. But there is no escape from destiny; she must meet the issue.

"Is it a compact?" asked the spirit voice. Frances struggled, but was dumb. It misunderstood her silence. Anger flashing from its stony eyes, it arose.

"You are no true wife," it said. "I will take with me the badge of your false wifedom."

Snatching her hand, it tore from the finger her wedding ring. The fettered tongue was at last loosed.

"Agreed! Agreed!" she shrieked, springing to a sitting posture, then fell back upon the pillows insensible.

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The moon was still shining when she recovered from her swoon and rolled her wild, terrified eyes about the room from side to side.

There was nothing there—nothing but Mr. Thompson. He was bending over her tenderly, with anxious eyes and smelling bottle in hand. She noticed the odor of eau de Cologne and other restoratives. Sitting up, she looked fearfully and pleadingly into his face.

"Don't be alarmed, it is nothing, my dear, you have had a nightmare, that is all," he said soothingly, "too heavy a supper, or the moon in your face perhaps."

But Frances shook her head vigorously; she knew better.

Apparently Mr. Thompson knew better also. At all events, he possessed some knowledge which he did not care to impart, judging from his behavior when he crossed the room for a glass of water. No sooner was his back turned to the bed than he bestowed a knowing wink upon space, and chuckled silently at some amusing thought. In less than a week the neighbors were wondering what had come over the Thompsons. A more devoted couple was never seen; a regular Darby and Joan arrangement.

Mr. Thompson winked and chuckled to himself at times—when Mrs. Thompson was not by—in that strange, mysterious way he had of late, and seemed mightily pleased about something.

"Thompson, old boy, you're a trump," he was overheard to say on one occasion. And to Mrs. Thompson the reign of peace had come. She was no longer tormented by visions of Julia. True to her part of the compact, that lady remained in her grave, in strict seclusion. While Mrs. Thompson the second read diligently from St. Paul to the Ephesians: "The duty of wives to their husbands," and tried with diligence also to practice it. How much from fear of another nocturnal visit, and how much through reverence for the scriptures, is not for us to say.

A busy housewife, too hurried in the morning, too tired at night, for systematic physical culture, found herself losing the suppleness which had been her pride, and noticed a thickening of the waist muscles that gave her no little uneasiness. Now, when lacing and unlacing her shoes, she places each foot in turn upon the highest object that she can reach—a table, a bureau, the top of a chair, or the foot of a bed. When going upstairs she takes two steps at a time; when picking up a pin, or other object, she does so with a sweeping bend.



Irrigate and laugh at the Sun -

side her, and took from its bosom a little book. Turning the leaves silently it found the place it sought, then, fixing its stony gaze once more upon her face, it finally transferred it to the book, and read in hollow, ghostly tones from St. Paul to the Ephesians, "The duty of wives to their husbands."

Slowly and sternly that voice from the grave read on, the words of the law, to the trembling culprit, who for the first time realized how very far she had been from performing her part in letter or in spirit. Cowering in her guilt, she lay till the bed shook beneath her quivering form. The voice suddenly ceased, and the phantom eyes gazed into hers with a threatening look.

Abruptly closing the book, it ended with this verse, repeated in a menacing tone:

"See, then, that ye walk circumspectly."

Frances' heart was leaping from her breast, her eyes from their sockets. But the thing sat and relentlessly watched her. Presently it said:

"I am that Julia whom in your wicked heart you hate; you, who have life, husband, health, happiness, all, yet are jealous of the poor dead wife in her grave, possessing nothing but a coffin and a shroud, and the tattered remnants of a man's love. Here a blood-

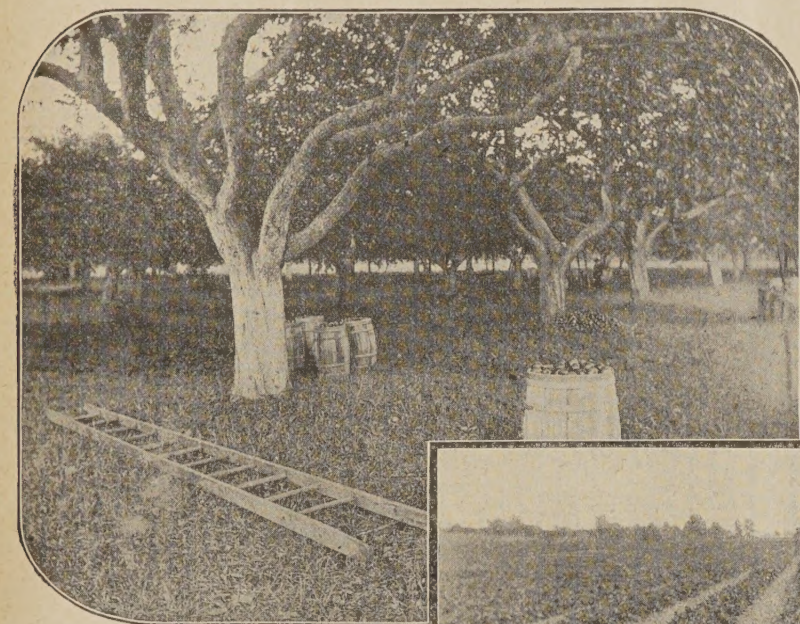
Modern Methods on the Farm

By H. R. Peachey

THE man whose business is winning a living from the soil has begun to practise "up-to-date methods on the farm." He has found that make-shift methods will not pay, so he has studied and found out where there is a better way, and has improved his farm equipment and marketing methods. It is a difficult thing for a farmer to begin an entirely new way of working his farm, and the beginning of a new process in farming is often revolutionary in its effects.

To show that modern ways pay well, it may be stated that in one instance farmers wondered what was the matter with their apple orchards, they did not bear, and some began to dig and cut up the trees. Others studied the then new ideas of spraying, proper trim-

ing and cultivation. All at once their orchards began to bear, at first every other year, then with but few exceptions every year. The prices of farms that had gone away down until it was hard to find buyers at any figure began to pick up until the values doubled and in many instances trebled the original purchase price. Farmers who went around with troubled looks and hard drawn lines on their faces as they thought of the heavy mortgages and wondered how the payment was to be met, began to brighten up. How they longed for the trees that had been cut down and regretted the days when they knew no better than to turn an unproductive tree into firewood.



Modern Orchard

There are those who do not admit that it was better cultivation, spraying, etc., which made orchards improve. But still they all or nearly all spray and the orchard that once was sod-bound, with brush heap tops in every direction, now is as carefully pruned and cultivated as any crop on the farm. And it is not only the farmers that have prospered on the increase of the fruit crop. It has given employment to thousands, and has increased until it is getting to be a problem how to market the crop.

It is the same in all cases of farm crops, where up-to-date methods have been adopted. It is not the intention of the writer to delve into the accounts of large crops on the farm, but to write of what are commonly called little, "of no account" things, but which really count in the management of the modern farm of today, and bid fair to hold the interest of the farmer in the future. The raising of small crops is one of the modern methods now in vogue. At a country fair last fall, there was on exhibition an unusually fine display of vegetables. The writer talked to the grower. The melons in the exhibit were especially fine. The grower stated that he thought he "would just try and see what the land would do, and it had about done him to take care of the results."

Asked to tell how he marketed the truck, he said: "I have contracted to furnish several grocery houses in the City, and send my truck down the canal. In the evening I load the produce on the canal boat, and in the morning the grocery wagon gets the truck from the boat, and it is on the stalls for early morning buyers." Does it pay? Yes, it pays better and is much easier than heavier crops. I intend seeding down the most of my farm, and going in for extensive gardening."

The truck farmer must be "on to his job." The

good fortune of the successful grower, is not for every one. The successful truck grower must be well equipped for his work. He must be a specialist. He must make a study of some particular branch of the business and he must give all the energies of his mind and body to that branch. He must eradicate what he has learned about farming and with a clear mind, start in to learn vegetable growing. The farmer who is fortunate enough to have a piece of black land, or "muck land" can perhaps make more raising a half acre of celery, than he could by raising five acres of grain. The celery will sell for shipping at \$1.75 a crate, and the farmer can have considerable time to himself, even if he does not employ a helper.



Celery Field

and the others destroyed. They are cultivated once a week during the entire season. Stable manure is used at the rate of fifteen to twenty tons per acre. A good grade of commercial fertilizer is also used in the hill at the rate of 200 pounds per acre. These beans are always in demand, and though there is considerable labor in shelling them for market, they always command a high price per pound, at least two-thirds more than string beans.

The value of peppers of all kinds is also coming under the notice of those farmers who are constantly on the alert, and although those which find their way to market are largely grown by Italian farmers, they will not long have a monopoly. Every day there is a firmer demand for the peppers both red and green, and the bull-nosed variety is being rather crowded out by the "tomato" variety, as it is called which is a remarkably prolific grower.

The necessity of irrigation is felt by the grower of truck, who at times will become alarmed at the drought which seems to come at critical periods in the life of plants. But the practical grower has figured it out, and has dug a well, twelve by twelve feet and twenty feet deep, installed a gasoline engine, piped the land, and then laughed at the hot sun.

The value and advantages to be obtained from a steam plow are beginning to be appreciated here in the East. It has long been familiar to those who have studied the methods employed on the great farms in

the West. Hundreds of these plows are sold, annually, for use on the great Kansas plains, and more than 600 are in use there. Probably a third of this number or less are in use in New York State. The steam plow works best on a large field and where the ground is level. Big traction engines, with wheel tires nearly a yard wide, are used to pull gang plows and turn up the soil. They plow about thirty acres per day, and it only requires two men, or a man and a boy, to handle each outfit. Two men with horses could only plow about six acres a day, so that the steam plow has increased the efficiency of labor five-fold in this one item of farm work. It is true that a large outlay is necessary in the first place, for a complete outfit costs about \$1,900, possibly \$2,000. But the expense of plowing averages only about forty cents an acre, as compared with an expense of seventy-five cents to \$1.50 an acre when the work is done by team.

Another implement very necessary to the farmer who is working on newly cleared land, is a stump-puller. Machines for this purpose can be purchased but they are costly, and with some care the farmer can make one himself, so that he will no longer have to wait till the stump decays, or leave the unsightly half-burned snags in his fields. Take a good sapling from the woods, fifteen to twenty feet in length choosing beech or ironwood, or some other good, strong timber. The butt should be from eight to ten inches through and sound to the core. Fasten the log to the stump with a stout chain. Sometimes you can get a good hitch around some big root. Hitch the team to the outer end of the lever and drive around the stump. The twisting will take out a pretty good-sized stump, and do it quite easily.

It is hardly necessary to recite the advances from the old grain cradle to the new binder, the old way of spreading manure to the new wagon fashion, the "old hen" to the incubator, the "old oaken bucket," to the windmill, the milking by hand of cows to the new milking machine, which does the work in one-fourth the time. The home-maker has an easier time, she has no pans to wash, the cream separator does all the work; her bread she mixes by turning a crank, and she can sit down while working the washing machine, and the new style dish-washer makes her glad. All these improvements enable the farmer and the home-maker to



Irondequoit Melons

become less sod-bound themselves. To those who are on the alert for the new, the government has given rural mail delivery. The rural telephone has been installed and found indispensable. Suburban trolleys on many of the highways have become a necessity. Electric lights are a coming luxury, they are not common yet, but they are to be, and that within a few years.

This is but the barest recital of what you will find doing on farms whose owners are no longer content to wear out their lives for mere living. Yes, it is true that these labor-saving and improving devices are costly, but one at a time can be procured, till the farmer no longer works harder and longer than any of the stock on the farm and his wife does even more than he.

The results of improvement of methods and consequently better living is seen in the gradual turning of the tide towards agricultural life.

BUELL HAMPTON

A Powerful Tale of the Great Southwest with Love, Surprises and a Mystery

By WILLIS GEORGE EMERSON

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS

[This story was commenced in the November number. The following is the synopsis of preceding chapters:

Mrs. J. Bruce Horton and Mrs. Lyman Osborn, whose homes were at Meade, Kansas, were at Lake Geneva, a fashionable resort near Chicago. They had been to England to accompany home Ethel, the daughter of Mrs. Horton, who had been in a London school. Being taken ill in Chicago, Mrs. Horton had called Dr. Redfield who advised rest at Lake Geneva. Ethel and Redfield had been mutually attracted, and he had declared his love. This was reciprocated, though Ethel had given no pledge. This was all unknown to the mother. Mrs. Horton was determined her daughter should marry a title, and delighted to find Lady Avondale of England, and her son, Dr. Lenox Avondale, stopping at the same hotel. Dr. Avondale had good prospects of becoming Lord Avondale, but the estates were impoverished and he desired to find some American heiress for his wife. The mothers, without definite agreement, had come to a good understanding. Ethel's mother alarmed at the signs of an attachment between the American doctor and her daughter, started for home. Curiously enough a few days later Hugh Stanton, the most intimate friend of Dr. Redfield, also arrived in Meade where he entered into business relations with Captain Osborn. Major Hampton comes on the scene, and gives vent to his political views claiming himself a "Reformist." He is the leader of a secret organization called the "Barley Hullers," as well as editor and proprietor of the "Patriot." The report that a herd of Mr. Horton's cattle had been driven off by cattle thieves, causes the Major to start without one of his constituents.

Hugh out for a ride, meets Ethel's father, and as they are talking, the Major's assistant returns, declaring there is no trace of the missing cattle.

A meeting of the Barley Hullers shows that all classes of the community are in it, and that Major Hampton has a motley crew to control. Captain Osborn, much older than his wife, makes a friend of Hugh, hints at unhappiness in his particular joy being his small son. Hugh and Ethel take rapid strides in friendship, and Ethel's father consents to her engagement to Dr. Redfield. Hugh becomes better acquainted with his fellow townsmen.

CHAPTER XIV

THE SONG

THREE men stood on the veranda. "Why, how do you do?" said the major, "come in. I am very glad to see you."

Judge Linus Lynn, with his weather-beaten tile, Bill Kinneman, with his red eyes, and Dan Spencer, with his wobbling tooth, all stalked into the room.

"Why, hello, pardner," said Dan Spencer, as he caught sight of Hugh, "how d' ye do?" They all shook hands.

"We jist drapped in fur a minit, Major," said Bill Kinneman, "to say hello. Didn't know yer hed company, or we would n't hev cum. Heerd you' got back. Did n't see nuthin' of the cattle thieves, I reckon?"

"Nothing," responded the major, thoughtfully. "I failed. Tell Mr. Horton that I struck the wrong trail."

"Purty danged good nerve, I can tell ye," said Dan Spencer, "to foller them cussed cattle thieves like the major did. I'm thinkin' I'd be purty hostile if I had to do it."

"Don't care if I do," said Judge Lynn, greedily, as he reached over, and helped himself to a cigar.

"Why, certainly, gentlemen," said the major, and he passed around the box of cigars.

"Jist about the time o' day I smoke," said Dan Spencer, as he threw an enormous quid of tobacco toward the cuspidor. Bill Kinneman expectorated a sounding pit-tew of tobacco juice at the receptacle just as Judge Lynn threw a burnt match in the same direction.

"Waal, boys," said Dan Spencer, when their cigars were going, "we've got toomultuous dooties to perform, an' I guess we may as well move on. Jist drapped in fur a minit, yer know, Major."

"That's right, boys," replied Major Hampton, shaking hands, "come often and be in no hurry about going, is the standing invitation you each have." When they were gone, the major said:

"They represent the masses. We cannot ignore them. Rightly guided, they are a power for good morals and good government." Presently they heard someone singing.

"Hello!" said the major, "Marie has returned. I want you to hear my daughter sing. I fancy," he continued, hesitatingly, "that she has a fairly good voice."

They adjourned to an adjoining room. From a musician's standpoint this room was a veritable dream. It was furnished with a "baby grand," a complete musical library, containing some rare volumes; also with busts of Beethoven, Haydn, Bach, Handel, Mendelssohn, Chopin, Liszt, Schumann, Wagner, and other famous composers. On the walls were well-selected paintings, each in itself a study pertaining to music. "This, Mr. Stanton," said the major, "is my daughter's studio. You are the first stranger ever invited into this room."

"And who is her instructor, may I inquire?"

"I direct my daughter's education in all her studies," modestly replied the major.

"I am sure I feel highly honored," returned Hugh.

"You are most welcome," said the girl, smiling,

"or we would not have asked you here."

Hugh was wondering why he had been invited into the sacredness of this musical retreat, but his reverie was interrupted by the major's seating himself at the piano. He struck a few chords on the keys, and the

spirit of the melody stirred Hugh in a manner strangely new.

The music suddenly ceased in a wailing discord, and the major turned sharply around toward their guest.

"Oh, papa," cried Marie, "why did you do that?"

"All right, Stanton, my boy," said the major, "I see I am not mistaken; you have a soul filled with harmony, although you may not be able to play, as you say, even a few's-harp."

Marie sang a selection from the "Bohemian Girl," while her father played the accompaniment. Her rich, deep tones, silvery in their sweetness, vibrated and filled the room with a melody almost divine. An impalpable sense of mystery and majesty seemed to envelop the singing girl, to the now exalted and thrilled senses of Hugh Stanton. She ceased singing, and Hugh sank back into his chair, exhausted. The music had exhilarated him with new and wonderful thoughts—devout thoughts, divine ideas.

Hugh soon took his leave, gratefully accepting their cordial invitation to call again at an early day. That night he dreamed of dwelling in some sacred and mystical retreat. Presently Marie Hampton stood before him, weeping bitterly. Near her was Ethel Horton, speaking words of consolation. Between them was a mound of earth, and, looking closer, he saw it was a new-made grave.

CHAPTER XV

THE RETRACTION

In addition to the *Patriot* there were two other newspapers published at Meade, the *Mascot*, advocating

May

BY B. A. HITCHCOCK

Here are the signs that 'tis merry May,
Orioles fluting a roundelay,
Bobolinks tinkling a tipsy tune,
Cobwebs all over gemmed grasses strewn,
Ringing of hylodes' bells at night,
Apple trees blushing in rose and white,
Matins at morn from white-throated missel,
Happy boys blowing the willow whistle;
And this last named sign is the surest one,
That May with her carnival has begun.

Republican politics, and the *World*, promulgating uncertain political views.

The editor and proprietor of the *World* was a Mr. Frank Fewer. His enemies said the "fewer" the better of such unprincipled knaves.

On the day after Hugh's visit at Major Hampton's, the *World* made its weekly appearance, and contained in its columns the following article.

"HOME AGAIN."

"His Excellency, Maj. Buell Hampton, an old played-out politician, who edits a little five-by-nine sheet around the corner, known as the *Patriot*, has returned to the city. The editor of the *World* is not advised as to whether the old boodler has been away organizing a society of Farmers' Alliance in some remote township, or a lodge of Barley Hullers. It is only a question of a short time until this illiterate decoy duck will slink from southwestern Kansas to pastures that are new."

During the forenoon the major called at the bank and asked Hugh to accompany him to the *World* office.

"Certainly," said Hugh, "I will go with pleasure."

Captain Osborn opened the door of his private office, and invited Major Hampton and Hugh into his room.

"Major," said the captain, "why are you going down to the *World* office?"

"To kill the dog who penned and published this calumny," replied the major, as he handed the captain a marked copy of the *World*. The old captain

laughed heartily and tried to infuse the major with a jovial spirit, but he would not be infused. "I would n't pay any attention to it at all," said the captain, soothingly.

"Fewer's blood, sir," hissed the major, "alone can blot out this contemptible insult. He has defamed my character, and, by the Eternal, he shall pay the price."

"Hold on, Major," said Captain Osborn, "I am your friend in this matter, and I cannot permit you to make a mistake. Suppose now that we force the *World* to run off another edition containing an 'amende honorable,' or something of that sort—what then?"

"I do not believe," said the major, reflectively, "that he will do it; but if he will, and bring out the issue today, I will then let him off with a horsewhipping."

"Well, now, that's better," said the captain. "You stay right here, Major, until I come back."

When Captain Osborn arrived at the *World* office, he found Frank Fewer, Esq., engaged in wrapping bundles of papers preparatory to sending them away.

"Good morning, Captain," said Fewer, while an idiotic grin covered his face.

"Good morning," returned the captain, "haven't sent away this week's papers yet, have you?"

"No," replied Fewer, "only a few around town; but why?"

The iron will of the old captain arose to the emergency. "Fewer," said he, "but for my friendly interference in your behalf, you would now be a dead man."

"What!" shrieked the editor.

"A dead man, I say!" reaffirmed the captain, in a quiet, determined voice. "Here," said he, opening a paper, "this libelous article—why did you print such a contemptible thing?"

Fewer was at heart a groveling coward. He protested that Lem Webb, had written the article, and that Webb, had agreed to pay him five dollars for its publication.

"It will cost you your life, sir," said the captain. "There is but one way to avert the calamity in which your corpse must necessarily figure as the principal attraction."

"How, Captain? For God's sake tell me," begged the now trembling editor.

The captain explained the conditions. "Suppress all of the present issue possible, run off another issue of the paper, containing an *amende honorable*, and take a horsewhipping. Otherwise, death."

The terms were agreed upon instantly, and the captain hurried back to inform the major of the "unconditional surrender," while the frightened editor commenced making preparations for a special edition.

That afternoon the *World* again made its appearance, and contained the following retraction:

"AMENDE HONORABLE,"

"At the solicitation of Lem. Webb, Esq., and on account of a promise of five dollars, I maliciously and wilfully permitted a libelous and untruthful item to appear in the columns of the *World* this morning, derogatory to the character of Maj. Buell Hampton."

"This open letter is a public acknowledgment on the part of the editor of the *World* that he knew the item in question to be a malicious lie, at the time it was published, and he hereby publicly apologizes to Major Hampton. The editor further desires to state that he personally knows Major Hampton to be a cultured gentleman of unquestionable moral character—a man whose high sense of honor and integrity is above reproach."

Respectfully,

"Frank Fewer,

"Editor of the *World*."

That evening Bill Kinneman and Dan Spencer waited upon Editor Fewer at his home.

Hello! gentlemen," said Fewer as he came to meet his callers.

"Hello! yourself," replied Dan Spencer. "We only called jist fur a minit. We's in a pow'ful big hurry. We've got Major Hampton's proxy to hosswhup ye."

"Oh, come, gentlemen," whinned Fewer, "after the retraction I published, the major can't really mean to subject me to so great a humiliation."

"I reckon that's about the size of it," said Spencer. "We're not a-bustin' with perlieness. I'm assomin' dooty is dooty an' jestice knows no fav'rites."

Frank Fewer turned, and fled with all the speed that he could command. Bill Kinneman ran madly after him. A few minutes later Frank Fewer was a horsewhipped editor.

Smarting with pain, Fewer called on Attorney Webb. The lawyer was just reading the *amende honorable* article, in which he discovered that Fewer had sacrificed him most shamefully. A little later the editor picked himself up, a badly thrashed man. Thereafter the *World* was known as a journal that attended strictly to its own business.

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The Tonic for Mrs. Kelly

By Mary D. Miles



DON'T approve of a minister's getting married while he's in college, and burdening himself with wife and children when he has no money to support them," said the President of the Ladies' Aid Society. Six faithful sisters were discussing questions of interest to the church, community, state, and nation at the weekly "quilting."

"Why, our minister didn't do that," said quiet little Mrs. Bailey.

"Oh, well," answered the other, "he's done something foolish probably, for he's poorer than most ministers, and it's my opinion if he wants some fine furniture in the house, he'd better wait 'till he can pay for it. And his wife hasn't ambition enough to make a house comfortable anyway," she added, stitching emphatically, as if she were jabbing an enemy with every stitch. "She needs a good tonic, I think. We can't sew here week in and week out to pay for foolishness." Evidently Mrs. Allen had been rubbed the wrong way this afternoon.

The outburst all came from a suggestion of Mrs. Bailey, that as the new minister and his wife were not particularly well off as to this world's goods, it would be a kind thing for the ladies of the Sewing Society to give them a new chair or table for a Christmas present.

The Ladies' Aid was a democratic institution, whose members came from various walks of life, from Mrs. Gray, the wife of the Superintendent of the schools, to Mrs. Bagsley, a faithful "woman of the tubs," who religiously saved Wednesday afternoon of every week for the church. "Them that asks me to work first allays gits me," she used to say, "exceptin' of a Wednesday; nobody gits me Wednesday, outen its for a weddin' or a funeral."

"And what do you think about it, Mrs. Bagsley?" said Mrs. Lee, who believed in free discussion.

"Law, I haint b'een here so long, I don't feel like I ought to have no say. You know my Lucy's had scarlet fever, and they caranteed us in three weeks, and even now I jest cover me with disdefectant whenever I go out. But the Methodies is agoin' to give their minister a nelegant Christmas present an' I don't think the Baptises ort to be outdid." This was a long speech for Mrs. Bagsley.

After a lengthy and voluminous discussion, it was decided that the Ladies' Aid had no money to spend on the minister's Christmas. But Mrs. Bailey, who had suggested it, quietly made plans of her own.

The Kellys had certainly had their share of bad luck in the last few years. Mrs. Kelly had been sick; Mr. Kelly's young brother who was dependent on him, had a serious operation and long illness at the hospital; and finally, a fire had destroyed almost all of their household goods. All this happened before their going to the church at Bradley.

Brave, little Mrs. Kelly said, "Never mind, we will get our debts paid first, and we won't buy furniture until we can pay for it." So they struggled along, and their home, with little except actual necessities, was not what they felt their home should be, and not that to which they had been accustomed. The salary at Bradley was fairly good, but interest and debts left little for luxuries.

Mrs. Bailey mentioned the ladies' discussion of the afternoon at her tea table that evening. Her daughter Ruth, a girl of quick decision, said, "Well, mamma, it hadn't occurred to me before, but I think we ought to do something for the Kellys' Christmas, and I am going to start out this evening and see if any one else thinks so too." Of course this met with her mother's approval and encouragement.

Ruth called for her bosom friend, Emily Wilson, and they made a canvas of two afternoons among those church people whom they felt to be especially interested in the Kellys.

"How did you get along, dear?" Ruth's mother inquired, as she and Emily came in from their tramp. "Why, mamma, I never knew the Kellys were so popular. People felt so sorry when we told them what a hard time they have had, that they were simply wild to help," said the enthusiastic Ruth. "Just listen what we've got," said the ungrammatical Emily. "Fifteen dollars to buy paper—'Paper!' gasped Mrs. Bailey. "Yes, paper, mamma Bailey, not writing paper, but wall paper, you know; the trutsees said we might have it papered, and Mr. Baker said he'd do it for nothing, because Mrs. Kelly was so good when their baby died. And Mr. Gates gave us wall paper at half price, and we bought a lovely chair with the money we had left. We told people what they needed, and they gave—"

Here the interesting tale was interrupted by callers, and the girls retired to concoct a plan to keep the Kellys away from home long enough to effect the transformation of the parsonage. Later, Mrs. Bailey

suggested that she invite the minister's family to her house to spend the day before Christmas. She called them up at once on the telephone and said, "You see we are all invited out for Christmas dinner, and I have my Christmas work about done, so I have plenty of time and want you all to come and spend a long day."

Of course the Kellys accepted. It happened luckily, that Mr. Kelly was to be out of town all day, and he was asked to call for his family in the evening on his way home.

How to get possession of the key was the next question. After the Kellys were installed at the Bailey home, Ruth suddenly remembered that she needed a certain book containing some quotations which she and Emily wanted to use for their Christmas gifts. She didn't believe anybody had a copy but Mr. Kelly, and said innocently, "Why didn't I think of it when I was at your house?"



Helping Mother

"Well, here's the key, Ruthie, just run down to the parsonage and get the book," said Mrs. Kelly, acting out Ruth's plan with accommodating alacrity.

"Oh, thank you, Mrs. Kelly, and you'll excuse me for not being at home today, for Emily and I have so much to do. I never get my Christmas work done 'til the last minute."

Ruth rushed to the parsonage. Emily and Mrs. Lee, one of the older women to help "manage," were waiting. She produced the key triumphantly.

"How ever did you get it, Ruth, did you have to tell one?"

"Not a very big one, Emily," answered Ruth. "I said that you and I had a lot of work to do, and I'm sure that's so."

Mr. Baker, the paperhanger, and his man had come as soon as they saw the Kellys go away, and they were carrying in the rolls of paper. They went quickly to work, and by three in the afternoon, they had the two parlors of the parsonage looking clean and dainty with fresh, attractive paper.

The faithful Mrs. Bagsley had offered to help the girls "clean up." "There's other things to be give, 'sides money," she said, "Now, Miss Ruth, you git outen the front room 'til I mop, then you can rid it up while I do the back one; can't you find me a little demonia to put in my sudses, for I'll have to wash these winders, too."

Parcels had been arriving at the parsonage all day long. Ruth and Emily had been cutting and measuring picture wire, and putting curtains in the fixtures. When Mrs. Bagsley gave them the front room, they transformed it in a surprisingly short time. Snowy Swiss curtains were hung at the windows. "I should think Mrs. Kelly might have had new curtains before this, for all they cost, Ruth," said Emily. "Yes, but

everything costs, and four little Kellys can do without new curtains better than some other things," said the practical Ruth. The old curtains were fairly good, and were hung in the back parlor, beginning the transformation of that room also. Next a handsome rug, donated by one of Mr. Kelly's few wealthy parishoners was laid over the faded carpet, covering it almost entirely. The new rocking chair and a pretty table added much to the effect of the furniture.

Among the donations, Ruth was delighted to find five pictures. None of them were elaborate, but all were good subjects tastefully framed, for the majority of Mr. Kelly's parishoners were people of refinement and taste. A handsome jardiniere with a growing fern, and a graceful vase with a few red carnations finished the parlor. Two pictures had been saved for the back parlor or sitting-room, and a less pretentious rug. There were also two bright pillows for the faded couch, which had been covered with a gay slumber robe; a lamp, useful as well as ornamental, for the round table; the January number of Harper's Magazine with subscription marked paid for a year; and two or three good books. Some handkerchiefs and other more personal gifts, with some toys and candy for the children, had been left in a pile on the table, unopened.

By this time it was dark. Ruth turned the lamp rather low so that the beauty might dawn slowly on the minds of the homecomers, and after a farewell glance, they locked the parsonage and hurried home. "I tell ye," said Mrs. Bagsley, "in a couple hours they'll be a surprised family here."

Mrs. Kelly was a little worried that Mrs. Bailey was having her supper so very late. There was a good deal she must do before bedtime, and the children were getting sleepy. As they lingered over the dessert, Mrs. Bailey wondered how she could detain the Kellys much longer, and if the girls were not almost through. Just then Ruth burst in with glowing face, exclaiming, "Well, I am glad I got here before you left. Emily and I've been so busy. I am sure mamma has made my excuses to you though."

As they walked home Mrs. Kelly was thinking of her Christmas plans. The money she had saved for new curtains, she had spent for Christmas presents. She could not bear it, that the customary little gifts to the home friends should be lacking. Her mind flew back to the first few years of their married life. They had not had much money, to be sure, but their home was cozy and pleasant. The furnishings that the fire had so suddenly taken from them seemed now splendidly luxurious. Then too, she had been well. Now she had neither strength nor ambition to make her home attractive, and as she realized this, it made her sad. She sighed, and in answer to her husband's inquiry, said, "I was just hoping I'd be strong enough, and we'd have money enough to fix up the house a little next year."

"Yes, we'll do it, 'dear' Mr. Kelly replied, "just a little, even if the debts have to wait a while longer."

A few minutes later, as they opened their door, the Kellys thought they had got into the wrong house. But their familiar belongings reassured them even among so much that was new.

When the brave though discouraged little minister's wife saw what a transformation loving hands had made, she said, "Oh, Will, who did it, and isn't it beautiful, and what made them do it?" Then, you are surely not surprised, the disheartened little Mrs. Kelly sat down in the new rocking chair and cried.

But the tears were happy ones, and do you know, that somehow, the attractive rooms, and the assurance of the loving thought that prompted the deed, proved to be just the tonic that Mrs. Kelly needed.

From Foreign Parts

Damascus is the first city in the Turkish Empire to be lit with electricity and have electric street cars.

They have rain in the Transvaal. The director of the Transvaal Government Observatory reports: "Sufficient water fell during a recent rainstorm to cover the whole colony to a depth of five inches."

If a servant in Germany falls ill, her mistress is not allowed to discharge her, but must pay 50 cents a day for her hospital expenses until she is perfectly well.

The servant may not leave the mistress on a moment's notice. If she does she is subject to arrest, fine and even imprisonment. When she desires to leave she must give a formal two-week notice in writing, and even then must remain and perform her duties until the new servant has come.



The Royal Peonies

By Florence Beckwith

THE Peonies or Peonies are natives of southern Europe and the temperate parts of Asia and one species is found on our northwestern coast. Tradition says the name Peony was given in honor of the Greek physician Peon who is said to have employed it in medicine and used it to cure Pluto of a wound, inflicted by Hercules. It is sometimes written Piony, and not so very many years ago it was commonly called Piney. Gerard in his History of Plants published in 1633 spelled it Peiouny and Peonie. Many good authors now spell the name Peony, and there is no good reason why that spelling should not prevail.

Peonies were introduced into England more than 300 years ago. Gerard's description of one species is very quaint. It is as follows: "It hath thick red stalks a cubit long; the leaves be great and large, consisting of divers leaves growing or joined together upon one slender stemme or rib, not much unlike the leaves of the wall-nut tree both in fashion and greenness; at the top of the stalkes grow faire large red flowers very like roses, having also in the midst yellow threads or thrums like them in the rose called anthers, which being faded and fallen away, there come in place three or four great cods or husks, which do open when they are ripe; the inner part of which cods is of a faire red color, wherein is contained black, shining and polished seeds, as big as a Pease, and between every black seed is couched a red or crimson seed which is barren and empty."

Gerard also tells some curious superstitions about the Peony, saying: "Apulius says that the seeds or graines of the Peonie shine in the night-time like a candle and that plenty of it is in the night season found out and gathered by the shepherds. It is said by Josephus, as also by Pliny and Theophrastus, that of necessity it must be gathered in the night, for if any man shall pluck off the fruit in the day time, being seen by the Woodpecker, he is in danger to lose his eyes. But all these things be most vain and frivolous, for the roots of Peonie may be removed at any time of the year, day or houre whatsoever."

It is said that the the crimson flowered Peony (*P. officinalis*) was cultivated in the earliest times, and that Pliny had it growing in his garden, but as late as 1855 only twenty-four double varieties of the plant were known. Fifty years ago this same old crimson Peony was very commonly cultivated in this country. Nearly every garden had at least one big clump of this gorgeous flower and it was a universal favorite. Then for years it received but little attention. But, at last, florists came to realize its merits and began to propagate new kinds until now there are hundreds of distinct varieties from which to make selections.

Certainly no plants are more satisfactory than the Peonies. From the time when their red shoots first appear in the spring until their many colored flowers fade they add beauty and variety to the garden, and after they have ceased to bloom, the handsome, dark foliage makes an excellent background for later-blooming plants of lower growth.

One of the strongest claims of the Peony for general cultivation is its hardiness. It will endure a very rigorous climate without suffering in the least, and will succeed in any ground except one so low that water stands on it during the winter and spring. Another point in its favor is its freedom from disease and insect pests. Eternal vigilance is the price one pays for roses, but the Peonies will take care of themselves. Each succeeding year adds to the size of the clumps and the number and beauty of the blossoms.

For grand effects when planted in masses the Peonies are unexcelled, particularly when they are to be seen from a distance. Planted in front of shrubbery they show to fine advantage, and a carriage way bordered by them makes an avenue handsome enough for the progress of a sovereign. If in planting due regard is paid both to their color and time of blooming, the best effects will be produced, and by a proper selection of varieties the flowering season may be extended for a month. When once planted in a favorable location they will flourish for years with no special care, and they can stand for at least five years without being moved. One frequently sees strong old clumps of the old-fashioned crimson variety that have been growing perhaps twenty years in the same place, and which, in the blooming season, are covered with magnificent blossoms of radiant hue. Such specimens cannot be too highly prized, and whoever discards them from his garden on account of their being old makes a great mistake.

I have said that Peonies will grow in any soil, but they do best in a deep, rich rather moist loam. Some claim that it is impossible to have the soil too rich. An annual top dressing of manure should be given the plants in November, and this should be dug into the soil in the spring. A plentiful supply of water should be given at all times, and especially when the flowers are in bloom. Liquid manure during the growing season is beneficial.

In brilliancy of color and perfection of bloom the Peony blossoms rival the rose, and some varieties are exceedingly fragrant. It is one of the peculiarities of the Peony that though the blossoms are large they are not coarse, and while gay they are never gaudy. Many of the newer sorts are exquisite in coloring, the hues ranging from pure white and the palest shades of blush to the deepest crimson.

The single Peonies bloom the earliest in the spring. They have large silky flowers and look like immense

single roses with their cushions of bright yellow stamens. In color they are pure white, soft pale yellow, rose, pink, salmon, peach-blow, red and crimson. Many admire them more than the double varieties, but they are not as largely cultivated, for the blossoms are not as lasting on the plant and they fade quickly when cut.

Peonia tenuifolia fl. pl. is a beautiful species. It blooms even earlier than *P. officinalis* and the flowers are a rich, bright crimson-scarlet. It has delicate, fern-like foliage which closely surrounds the blossoms and makes a beautiful setting for them. If one can afford a number of varieties, it is very desirable to include this among them. Peony fragrans, sometimes called the Rose Peony, is of a soft rose-color and very sweet.

With an almost infinite number of varieties from which to choose, it is hard to make a selection, but the following named ones are all desirable. It would be delightful to have a clump of any one of them in a garden to beautify and adorn it; still more delightful to have a dozen, and glorious to have a greater number. I confess that my appetite for Peonies is insatiable, and when I see a field of them I want one of every kind. A garden full would not be too many, and I fear I should still cry for more.

Festiva maxima is the finest double white Peony grown. The blossoms are of immense size and perfectly globular. The guard petals being large and the inner ones crimped makes the flower appear exceedingly double. The color is snow white with carmine marks in the center. A large clump of this variety covered with its magnificent flowers is a beautiful sight. The blossoms are very fragrant.

Festiva alba is much like *Festiva maxima*, but has not the pretty carmine markings.

Papaveriflora is a fine large white variety; the flowers are slightly tinged with cream when they first open and they are sometimes marked with red in the center. It is a fragrant variety.

Chrysanthemiflora is a very beautiful and desirable kind. The outer petals are white, the inner a pale yellow; the stamens are yellow tipped with red. It is fragrant.

Madame Geissler is a silvery rose, very large and full. *Humei* is rose pink in color; the blossoms are borne on long stems and are fragrant. It is a very late bloomer. *Alexander Dumas* has very large blossoms, dark rose pink in color. *Triomphe du Nord* is a

very pretty violet pink shaded with lilac and is fragrant and beautiful. *Francois Ortegale* is a rich dark crimson, a handsome flower, but its odor is not altogether pleasing; *Louis Van Houtte* is a very dark crimson and is fragrant. *Fulgida* is a fine, free flowering crimson variety. *Papilionacea*, outside petals rose, center ones yellow changing to white; a fine variety.

These are only a few of the hundreds of desirable kinds which will not only ornament the garden with their gorgeous blossoms, but furnish quantities of flowers for decoration. As cut flowers they are very lasting if picked when just opening. For large, showy, bouquets they are unsurpassed.

Some one has aptly characterized the Peony as the Flower of the Past, the Present, and the Future, and we hope the cultivation of it will increase with every year.



A Peony Bed

Notes from My Garden

By E. S. Gilbert

Oenothera Acaulis

Acaulis means "without a stem", the stemless Oenothera, a white evening primrose. It is the same or very near like the Otriloba of Gray's Botany, native in the West, "biennial or perennial," and a fine plant flowering the first season from seed.

I sent last spring for a packet of seed never having grown or seen it before. Seed was sown in a window box and later in the open ground. All grew readily. It seems a very easy plant to grow and began to bloom in July and seems to intend to keep on for the rest of the season. It is not really stemless but the strong branching red stem lies prostrate and the long narrow leaves cut and slashed some like those of the dandelion make a mat of foliage on the earth, so it seems stemless until you examine it more closely.

From this bed of leaves the flowers arise; the urn-shaped seed capsule with four or more red wings nestles close to the main stem, and what you think is the flower stalk is the tube of the flower, six inches or so long. The flower two to three inches wide and looking directly upward is a strong deep cup. You will call it white at first, but when you compare it with the white candy-tuft or other really white flowers you will see it is not pure white. These flowers, like those of other evening primroses, do not last very long. Coming out as early as four P. M., they turn a light pink by the next morning and wither and fall in the course of the day to be succeeded by another cup. Plants set eighteen inches apart each way will cover the ground. The flowers are not fragrant.

Tigridias

These Mexican summer flowering bulbs are tender and are lifted and stored like the bulbs of gladiolus. You can get three for ten cents, and they increase rapidly. Last spring I paid twenty cents for three California hybrids, said to be great, but they are no better than the ordinary sorts. They belong to the Iris family and their long ribbed leaves are on the same principle though very different in appearance, and the flowers come out of sheaths or spathes in the same way. Counting the seed pods on my three plants, all planted together in a clump, I find they have had sixty flowers and they will perhaps have sixty more if frost holds off. There is no odor and the flowers only last one day. They show a good variety of tints, white, yellow, orange, purple, etc., all richly spotted with crimson, scarlet and the like; a very curious flower in its form not easy to describe except by a picture. The bulbs can be started in the house in early spring and set out after danger from frost is past. No plant is of easier culture. The flowers are from four to six inches wide. No seed forms here.

Tasteful Grouping

By L. Greenlee

Mistakes that people often make in planting gladioli are that they plant too many varieties, do not plant against good backgrounds, and set the bulbs thinly in lines rather than in groups and masses. A dozen bulbs of a variety like Africaine, Snow-white, John Bull, or Shakespeare, planted six or eight inches apart in an irregular grouping means a good mass of color, while if a dozen bulbs were made up of three each of a kind, or one each of a dozen kinds, it would be far less striking. Planted against a dark mass of foliage, such as a boxwood or some other evergreen, the group would show much better than if it stood in the center of some bed with low-growing flowers all around it.

This is one of the easiest of all bulbs to succeed with and one of the gayest. Give it rich, well-drained soil and full sun and it rarely fails to send up rich heavy spikes of flowers. The gandavensis section, with flowers in a close, even double row along the stout stem, is still the most generally satisfactory. Gladiolus Childsi has larger flowers brilliantly and exquisitely marked, but cultivators have not yet succeeded in stiffening the stem enough to display them well. Groff's hybrids form a very fine strain that may sometime throw all other sorts in the shade.

There has been a perfect furor over the cannas. I am glad to see that it is diminishing somewhat. The canna takes up too much room and is too loud in color to be very useful in small gardens. In large grounds where there is room for sub-tropical gardening it is very striking and useful. The tendency now is to dwarf it, and some of the dark self-colored kinds are quite handsome. Of the tall, older varieties Alphonse Bouvier, with flowers of deep, rich crimson, is one of the very finest. White, yellow and pink varieties

are being introduced, but we have other flowers more effective in these colors. The crimson-black, pure crimson and pure scarlet varieties are the only ones that seem to me really fine.

This flower needs about the same soil and situation as the gladiolus, but the roots must be planted from one to two feet apart, according to variety. They also require a richer soil and more water during their blooming time. The seedpods must be cut off as fast as they form. A three or four-inch mulch of straw manure spread around the roots helps a bed of cannas to retain the moisture given and saves watering.

The roots are tender and must be lifted and stored before frost. Often a single good plant will have a clump of roots as large as a peck measure. These clumps keep best if placed unbroken, one-layer-deep, on the floor of some bulb-pit or cellar, and covered lightly with earth, straw or old carpet. So, if the gardener has a large collection of cannas she will find that it takes quite a good deal of room to keep the roots over winter.

The Volunteers

By Georgina S. Townsend

What we call a volunteer crop of anything which seeds itself, is a novel name to eastern people. Every-

them that he asked for some seed. I gave him a few, with many admonitions and misgivings, and as he hired an extra gardener the next season, I did not know but what the four o'clocks got in their deadly execution.

The California Poppy sows itself promiscuously. I would not mind these volunteers, if they would use any discretion in their selection of an eternal abiding place, but they seem to love to sprout and come up in the gravel drive which cost so much per foot to put down. And in the crevices and corners of the walks, and all the difficult places they can pick out. And the cosmos! Well, if there is anything which worries me more than the four o'clocks it is the cosmos. It grows so big and rank if it gets a start of you, and if it thinks you are watching it with a malignant eye, it will proceed to bud, blossom and seed itself while your back is turned, and it is only three inches high. It is the very vixen of volunteers. As for sweet alyssum, well I tried and tried to get it started when I first came to California, because I thought it was so lovely. I had indifferent success with it for quite a while, and then it took hold like grim death, and when you see me out at all hours stooping low, you may know I am grabbing alyssum up by the roots. The trouble with these volunteers is that they crowd out other plants which are not so aggressive, and which need the sun air and water which they appropriate. Now, the eastern poppies have a fondness for the rose bed, and they will simply swarm there. They have to be weeded out or the roses will not do well. They seem to take all the sustenance as long as they are growing and blooming. As for the coreopsis and larkspur they will grow so big and rank that they will overtop a respectable sized shrub and stunt it, unless they are weeded out. Even the California violet seeds itself and comes up in places not far from home. And the asparagus spengerii seeds itself near the parent plant. Of course single petunias have the volunteer habit bad, and holly hocks, how they do pest me. They are so coarse and insistent, and they want to come up in the same bed with delicate choice flowers every time and to pull them up disturbs everything around them, because their roots are tap. So the life of the flower lover is filled with trials in this sunny land of ours, that the eastern sister knows not of. She can thank her lucky stars that the volunteer crop in the East, is located away out West.

Begonia Rex Culture

By George T. Browne

Begonia Rex, that difficult plant to keep alive in the living room, can be grown successfully in the following manner.

Place the pot in which the plant is growing, upon an earthen flower-pot saucer, inverted in a shallow dish or deep plate.

Keep water in the dish all the time, but not enough to reach the pot. This method insures constant evaporation which supplies the moisture that these plants require.

When potting the Rex Begonia, be liberal with the sand and drainage, so that the water will soak quickly through the soil and not stand long enough to sour the earth.

When watering them, it is well to give plenty at a time, for the air in the living room being hot, it soon dries them out.

If a few drops fall on the leaves it does not matter, so long as the sun does not come around and catch them there.

These plants seem to like a little sunshine, but not in the middle of the day; and they need protecting as much as possible from all dust when the room is swept.

They are better for not crowding them in among other plants, but need plenty of room at the back of the plant shelf, where they will get the proper shaded light and are away from the draughts about the window. Where there are several it is best to have them grouped together.

These richly colored plants are as pleasing to have in the winter garden as flowers, and the sunny places in the window can be kept for the flowering plants.

Success is all in the knack, and one needs to experiment a little, until it can be found out what kind of treatment will make them grow best. But they will grow finally and reward you richly for your labor.

Give your plants plenty of ventilation this month, and take advantage of every warm day to leave the doors and windows open.

One can't expect to have a beautiful window garden unless it is given attention. Plants should be examined every day.

Sunshine should never be shut out of the nursery. Sleep at night will be more refreshing for the flood of sunshine let into the room during the day.



Tigridias

thing seeds itself in our year warm climate, and a general nuisance some of the volunteer crops are for a certainty. Now, who for instance, would imagine that dahlia seedlings could make a person all sorts of work and annoyance, but such is the case. I have a large space devoted to choice dahlias, named varieties. These have bloomed and seeded, and those seedlings are coming up all over the acre I have for plants. And they are such hard things to get rid of, because they form little bulbs at once, which hold tenaciously to the soil and get firmly imbedded before I discover them. Some seedlings may come to a new variety which might be desirable, but when hundreds and hundreds come up all over the place, it is either pull them up, or move out.

And four o'clocks! Well, it was a question for a time, who would be the earthly tenant of Fay Villa, "me or the 'clocks." By main strength and awkwardness I came out ahead, but if you have even tried to root out the big leathery tough roots after they have made up their minds to file on your claim, you will know that I had a crick in my back before I conquered, and I did not dare have even one plant in bloom in the yard, because it would drop ten million seeds, and every seed would propagate. When my neighbor, Paul de Longpre, the artist, first saw the four o'clocks blooming in my yard, he was so much pleased with

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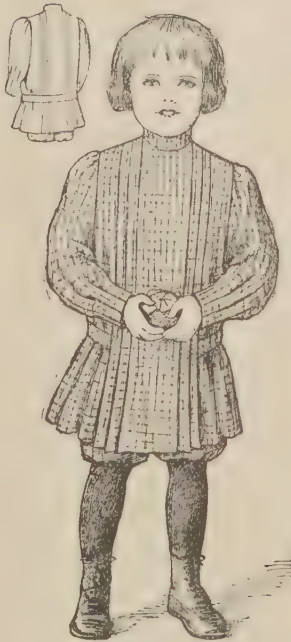
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A Small Apron of Good Style

Aprons as well as frocks, differ in smartness and while they are primarily useful, their general appearance should also be considered inasmuch as the activities of youth demand that they form so important a part of the wardrobe. A pleasing little apron which is simply made and most practical is sketched in hope that it will give a suggestion to mothers who fashion such garments. The yokeband forms the shoulder straps and may be of 2-inch wide embroidery if desired. The waist portion is full so as to blouse a bit while the skirt is short in the style of the French dress. Cross-barred muslin, dimity and lawn are the favorite materials for these aprons intended for everyday. In the medium size 1½ yards 36-inch material are needed. No. 4129 is cut in sizes, 4 to 12 years.

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Never was there a mode more becoming and practical for the small boy than the Russian suit with its long blouse loosely belted at the waist and generous knickers which give him plenty of room for sports of all sorts. The suit sketched is especially pleasing for its tucks in panel effect, front and back, and the tucks which retain the fullness of the sleeve instead of the usual cuff. A standing collar which is not too high for comfort and closes at the side finishes the neck and does away with the Eton collar of linen which needs such frequent changing. The knickerbockers are without a fly and very easily made. Serge or the usual tub fabrics may serve, the medium size requiring 2½ yards of 54-inch material. No. 4156 is cut in sizes, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 years.



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A Pretty Little French Dress

The French mode of fashioning is most attractive on little maids and gowns of this kind is shown. A variation of the style is found in the shoulder yokes which retain the fullness of the front, and the stole front which is most becoming. The skirt is full and joined to the waist with a band of embroidery. Most of these dresses are made in lingerie materials but pongee or washable silk might serve. For the medium size 2½ yards 36 inches wide are needed. No. 4131 is cut in sizes, 3 to 9 years.



Pattern No. 4163

A Pretty Shirt Waist Dress

Grace and simplicity are essential qualities in the frocks of the young girl and every mother who fashions her daughter's gowns appreciates how difficult the realization of this often proves. A dress which requires no great amount of skill or experience to fashion and which nevertheless appears smart and attractive is sketched. The waist has a fanciful yoke as its distinctive feature with two broad tucks at either side below. The closing is effected beneath the last tuck at the side and on the shoulder, while the sleeves are to be finished full length or shorter as desired. The skirt is a seven-gored one laid in plaits and stitched in double box plaits at the front and back. Mohair is an excellent material for such a dress as it sheds dust and does not quickly show wear while Henrietta, Rajah, pongee, linen, crash or madras might be used. For the medium size 5½ yards of 44-inch goods are needed. No. 4163 is cut in sizes, 14, 15, 16, 17 years.



Patterns No. 6856 and 6857

A Model of Smart Simplicity

The costumes of greatest smartness, this season are simple in design, depending wholly upon their cut and shapeliness for their cache effects. The shirtwaist gown sketched conveys an excellent idea of what may be accomplished with a good pattern and some attractive material. The deep tucks in the blouse resemble box pleats in front and lend tapering lines as well as breadth of shoulder, both of which features are most flattering to any wearer. The frig shirt sleeve is used with the plain or double cuff finishing. The skirt is a seven-gored one laid in double box pleats which are stitched flat over the hips and fall in a generous ripple at the hem. The belt may be of the same fabric or of leather or silk and in tones which harmonize with those of the dress. A moirai, taffetas, Rajah or washing fabric may serve as material of which 9½ yards 44 inches wide are needed. No. 6856 is cut in sizes, 32 to 42 inches bust measure; and No. 6857 in 7 sizes, 32 to 32 inches waist.

Linen in dull blue, brown or ecru will be much used the coming season for the guimpe frocks. They are simply made and are frequently trimmed with white washable braid. Being most appropriate for school wear this simplicity is desirable.



Pattern No. 6813

A Comfortable Sack

Films and furbelows are not always wanted in a negligee for practical service and the model shown will find favor for its simplicity and usefulness. Such a garment may be slipped on for breakfast or for an hour's sewing when an article must have frequent fittings. A busy woman can always find plenty of occasions for its use and this one is suitable to any of the reasonable materials and may be trimmed as little or as much as desired. The medium size calls for 2 1/4 yards of 44-inch material. No. 6813 is cut in 7 sizes, 32 to 44 inches bust measure.



Pattern No. 6851

A Combination Corset Cover and Petticoat

The fashion for svelt effects demands that there be as much economy in bands and belts of the undergarments as possible. For this reason the one-piece garments are very fashionable and one which combines the corset cover and the short petticoat is shown. The corset cover is in one-piece with its only seam under the arm. The petticoat is in four gores which shape it nicely at the top, the back fullness being regulated by gathers at the belt. The closing is made in front and the two articles are joined at the waist in a ribbon-run heading or a narrow strip of material. The upper edge of the corset cover may be finished with a ribbon-run heading and lace or ribbon may be run through eyelets in the material. Some of the wide-embroidered flouncings may fashion the latter most attractively. For the medium size 3 1/2 yards of 36-inch material are needed. No. 6851 is cut in 6 sizes, 32 to 42 inches bust measure.

The reign of the Pompadour and Dresden ribbon shows no sign of diminution. An attempt to push tarians into favor was not successful and the flowered effects are still the favorites. In fact they are brought out in such gorgeous and inviting combinations of color that one buys them without really having a purpose for them in view and then devises it after the package arrives home.

A Pretty Nightdress

Nightdresses can be made quite as attractive and becoming as Midas wishes and a suggestion for one which is a bit unusual in its yoke effect is shown. Many like the short long sleeves and those in this gown may be either long in bishop style or ending at the elbow. The yoke being round in back and in tab effect in front lends well to the use of embroideries which come by the yard from one to three inches wide. A combination of heavy and light embroidery or lace often proves a most pleasing contrast and is favored by particular women. Groups of narrow tucks complete the adornment in front and lower the line of fullness in a becoming manner. Muslin, nainsook or another lingerie material may serve of which 6 1/2 yards 36 inches wide are needed in the medium size. No. 6832 is cut in sizes, 32, 36, 40 and 44 inches bust measure.



Pattern No. 6832

A Neat Sailor Blouse for the Boy

The blouse in its many forms is the standby of the boy and his mother and nothing is so well fitted for his wear from the time he discards dresses until he is old enough to wear long trousers. A neat blouse of sailor style intended for boys from 4 to 12 years of age is sketched and will be found simple to make and very practical. The broad collar and shield are of the accepted style and generally becoming. The sleeves are a bit unique in its box pleats which retain the fullness at the wrist. These blouses are usually made of a washable fabric such as madras linen or washable flannel. For the medium size 3 1/4 yards 27 inches wide are needed. No. 4149 is cut in sizes, 4, 6, 8, 10 and 12 years.



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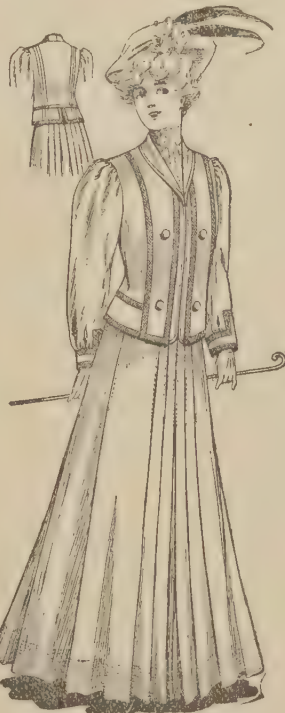
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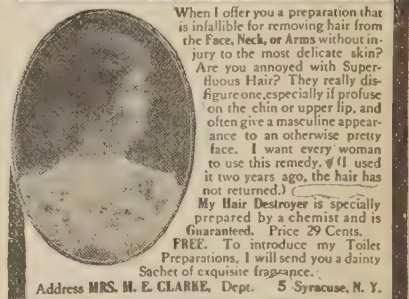
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THE SILVER NET



"I BET anything that my present is a fishing-net!" cried Charley, as he proceeded the next Saturday to undo his parcel.

Sure enough, a handsome new net and pole delighted his eyes, and he overwhelmed Aunt Hester with a profusion of thanks.

"The first fish I catch shall be for you, Aunt Hester," said he, as he inspected lovingly his new treasure, "and here is a story, too, hidden away under a multitude of papers."

Aunt Hester began to read "The Silver Net."

The blue waves came curling majestically up, and broke with a musical splash upon the long, sandy beach, but Hans Hartmann, the young fisherman, was in no mood to enjoy their beauty this particular morning. He stood leaning with sullen brow against a weather-beaten rock, biting his nails, and cursing his ill-luck.

"Surely there never was such an unlucky fellow as I am! First, my boat is wrecked, then my hut burns down, and now my last fishing-net is broken, and not a bit of bread in the house. There are always plenty to help the rich, but never a person to lend a hand to a poor devil like me."

"Say not so, Hans," murmured a musical voice at his elbow; he started in amazement, and beheld a beautiful lady, half-risen from the water. Her drapery was formed of dew-drops that glistened brighter than any diamonds, and her long golden hair fell around her like a veil.

While Hans stood staring in stupid wonder, she resumed, in silver tones:

"Listen, Hans, and I will show you a way to mend your shattered fortunes, I am the nymph Amarynth, and I am weary of the sea where I have dwelt for many thousand years. I long to visit the earth, but Father Neptune will not grant me leave of absence of more than a year, unless I can find a mortal every year willing to beg a longer reprieve for me. Mortals are so ungrateful, that I have never yet found one in whom I thought I could trust, but you seem so wretched that I thought I could confer favors enough upon you to make you grateful for life. You shall have everything your heart can wish, on one condition."

She paused a moment, and Hans tried to speak, but his tongue clove to the roof of his mouth.

"The condition is, that once a year, on this same day, and at this hour, you come down to the beach and say:

"Father Neptune, hear, I pray;
Amarynth would longer stay;
Let her tarry, do not fear;
I will come again next year."

"Promise me," continued the nymph, "that you will do this, and I will heap rewards upon you; but should you fail once to come here and repeat the charmed lines, then shall I be forced to return to my hated home beneath the waters, and I shall wreak upon you a fearful vengeance."

"Beautiful lady," stammered Hans, "most gratefully will I accept your offer. Every year at the appointed time and place, I will do your bidding, and never cease to bless you."

Amarynth smiled graciously, and, dipping her hand in the water, drew forth a silver net, curiously embossed and wrought, which she cast on the ground at Hans' feet.

"On the first day of every month, come down here, and cast in your net, uttering aloud, as you do so, your wish, and when you draw in your net you will find what you want. But remember never to ask for more than one thing at a time, and above all never forget your appointment here every year."

As she ceased to speak, Amarynth took a few drops of water in her rosy little palm, and throwing them on the beach, there straightway rose up from under ground, a silver coach with eight milk-white horses, and a coachman and footman covered with silver lace. She stepped upon the land, and as she did so

her drapery of water-drops became a robe and mantle of white velvet strewn with diamonds, and the seaweed in her hair changed into a head-dress fit for a queen. She swept gracefully into her coach, waved her hand to Hans, and straightway coach, horses, and lady vanished in the distance.

Hans rubbed his eyes and looked up and down and all around, but there was nothing to be seen but the sea and the rocks, except the silver net lying at his feet. Without more ado he seized it and cast it into the water, saying, as he did so, "I wish for a comfortable hut and a fullarder." After waiting as he thought a sufficient time to enable the water-elves to fulfil his wish, he drew in his net, expecting to find it very heavy; but to his great astonishment it weighed scarcely more than at first and contained nothing but some queer shaped little stones, and a bunch of sea-weed. Cursing his ill-luck and the witch who had deceived him, he threw the net and its contents over his shoulder, and started for home, thinking he would sell it at the nearest town. When he reached his door he emptied out the net, and took it to show to his wife.

Gretchen scolded him for being so great a fool as to think any luck could happen to such a loutish fellow, and, pushing him out of the door, bade him hasten and sell the net, for they were sorely in need of bread; but a sight met their eyes that silenced Gretchen's scolding tongue, and made Hans snap his fingers for joy. The bunch of sea-weed that had been emptied on the ground was changing rapidly into a pretty thatched cottage, and soon it stood all complete, with a neat door and two dainty little windows. And then the queer-shaped stones became transformed; the largest one grew into a barrel of flour, and rolled away behind the door; the others changed into hams and sausages, and hung themselves upon a neat row of pegs on the wall. Hans and Gretchen could scarcely contain their delight; they moved at once into their pretty house, and put the precious net away in a cupboard until the next month, when Hans declared he meant to ask for a new fishing-smack.

The months rolled on, and Hans went regularly at the appointed time to the beach and declared his wish, which was always granted, so that at the end of the year he had become a jolly, well-to-do fisherman, the owner of a little fleet of fishing boats, and much looked up to in the town. When the day came round he went down to the beach and said:

"Father Neptune, hear, I pray;
Amarynth would longer stay;
Let her tarry, do not fear;
I will come again next year."

As he uttered the last words, the waves swelled tumultuously, and a low muttering filled the air; then suddenly a hand appeared out of the water, and waved a trident three times, when instantly all became still again.

Hans returned home well satisfied, and related to Gretchen what he had seen. The months rolled on, and Hans, from being merely a well-to-do fisherman, became a rich ship-owner, and at the end of the second year he decided to move away from the little village into the great city.

At the end of the third year he had grown so rich that he was made a baronet, and bought a magnificent country-seat, where he lived like a prince. Gretchen now wore silks and satins, as if she had been used to them all her life, and lords and ladies paid their court to her, and flattered her beauty, while they were laughing in their sleeves to think how coarse her hands were, and how freckled her face. Rich noblemen never want friends, though they may not always be true ones, and so Baron Hartmann's castle was always filled with guests, who feasted and danced, and made merry with all the good things his cellar afforded. Eighty horses stood in the stables, and Gretchen rode out every day in a coach almost as fine as the one that had borne Amarynth away from before Hans' eyes.

When the day came around the fourth

time for Hans to go to the beach and repeat the charmed lines to Father Neptune, he grumbled greatly about it; he had moved so far away that it was vastly inconvenient to go there, and besides, he should miss a hunting party.

"I will tell you what to do, husband," said Gretchen, as she heard his complaints. "Go there this time and wish for a room full of money, and then we need not bother ourselves about going again, for the money will last us all our lives, and we wish for nothing more."

"But Amarynth threatened vengeance if I forgot."

"Bah! what can she do? We have fifty men-at-arms, and it would be a pity if in a great, strong castle like this we could not keep one water-nymph away."

Hans said no more, but he felt uneasy, and when he repeated:

"Father Neptune, hear, I pray;
Amarynth would longer stay;
Let her tarry, do not fear;
I will come again next year."

he fancied he heard a mocking laugh issue from the tossing waves.

When he reached home again, Gretchen took him into a room, and there sure enough, gold pieces were dropping from the roof, and enough had already fallen to cover the floor about a foot deep.

Hans shook out his net to see what it contained, but only a few pieces of irregularly shaped stone fell on the floor and formed the word "Beware!" As Gretchen stooped to look closer, the stones melted away, and but a few drops of water remained.

Hans flung the net impatiently into a cupboard, and they soon forgot all about the matter, so busy were they feasting and merrymaking. The next year, when the appointed time began to draw near, Hans thought he would still keep his promise, but other matters put it out of his mind, and one night, as he was going to bed, he remembered, with a guilty start, that on that very day he should have gone to the beach.

Gretchen comforted him with assurances that no harm could happen to them; so, somewhat relieved, he retired to rest, and they were soon sound asleep.

As the castle clock tolled one that night, a woman's figure, clad in white, glided silently into the hall; it passed with steady step up the long stairway and entered the room where Hans and his wife slept. Opening the cupboard, it took out the silver net, and, bending over the sleeping forms, disclosed the pale features of Amarynth.

"Base mortals!" said she, in stern tones, "your gratitude has lasted but four years; now must I return to the hated sea, but not alone!"

As she spoke, she cast the silver net over the now aroused and terrified pair, and, murmuring a few words, the floor opened at her feet, and she vanished into the dark chasm, taking them with her.

The castle remained standing for many years, but is now in ruins, and the country people say that every year, on the same day and at the same hour, a mournful wail fills the air, followed by a shout of mocking laughter.

Queen Peony

By Irene P. Shields

Oh! royal, radiant flower of flame,
I kneel by thy opening heart,
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Patience, Perseverance and Pluck Always Win

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CHAPTER VI

A SNOWSHOE RACE

"I tell you what," said Ben, one day when the boys were off on their skees, "if we only had a sled, what fun we'd have down these hills!"

"Well, what's the matter with making one?" answered John, the ever-ready. "It would be great; this crust is smooth as glass; we'd just fly."

At once they turned in their tracks and sped for home to carry out their plan.

"I'll beat you in," said Ben.

"I'll bet you won't."

They started off evenly at the top of a slope. A few long, half-stepping, half-sliding strokes gave them impetus enough to slide. Both crouched now in order to lessen the wind resistance and to avoid the chance of losing their balance. They were very evenly matched; for while John was the stronger, his brother was light and not so apt to break through the crust. Down they rushed with ever-increasing speed, the particles of snow rising like spray before them. The swishing, crunching noise grew into a hum as they sped faster and faster. At first Ben forged ahead—he had got a better start—then John's weight began to tell and he gained inch by inch. Ben crouched down still lower, making his body in a compact little ball, but in spite of all he could do his brother gained on him. Now he was even, now a little ahead, and now only his back could be seen by the younger. The end of his scarf was standing out behind him like a painted stick. The distance gradually increased until perhaps twenty yards of glistening snow lay between them. Ben was watching intently for any slight grade of which he might take advantage. All at once he noticed that John had disappeared.

Almost at the same moment he too began to drop. The racers had been watching each other so closely that neither had noticed that they were approaching the edge of a great drift. John had sailed over first and landed right side up some eight feet below, but so solidly that he broke through the crust and stopped short, falling forward on his face. The instant of warning that Ben had, had put him on his guard; he landed lightly and sped on, hardly checked.

"You will beat me, eh!" he shouted derisively to his discomfited brother, as he shot past.

John scrambled up and started again, but the incline was now very short, and by the time he reached the level Ben was far in advance and going well. It was a long, stern chase. However, the older boy's strength and weight were great advantages now, and within half a mile the two were on even terms again. For a time they raced side by side, arms swinging in unison, legs going like piston rods. Their feet were kept absolutely straight, and so the long skates ran exactly parallel, for if either foot should be turned in or out ever so lightly, one skate would cross the other and the skater would be tangled up so quickly that he would not know what was the matter.

The brothers were now sliding along side by side, each straining every nerve to pass the other; breath came in short puffs and showed on the frosty air like the exhaust steam of a locomotive; perspiration began to appear, and the effort they were putting forth was evidenced in the strained look on their faces.

Faster and faster they went, skimming along the level like a pair of swallows. They were going too fast to be careful of their steps, and Ben turned his right foot a little in. Instantly the skates crossed in front, tripped him, and down he went head foremost into the snow.

His left skee slipped off, flew towards John, caught between his legs, and threw him over backwards. For a moment there was the utmost confusion. The boys were stretched out, heads almost buried in the snow, feet kicking wildly, and the long skees beating the air like flails. Finally these were kicked off, and the crestfallen racers managed to get right side up. After much floundering they got their skees on again and continued their journey, this time at a more deliberate pace. They disputed all the way home as to which was the faster, and finally agreed that the momentous question could only be settled satisfactorily by another match.

When they reached camp, a couple of boards, a saw, a hatchet, and some nails were secured. They sawed and chopped out the sides, nailed on a couple of cross pieces for the seat and a diagonal strip to brace the whole thing. This much was easy, but both were at a loss to find anything for runners until Ben remembered that strips of flat steel had been used on some of the canned meat boxes. These were stripped off, hammered flat, and nailed at each end to the sides of what really began to look like a conventional sled: the seat board was fastened on and holes were bored for the leading rope.

The boys looked at their handiwork with no little pride and pronounced it as fine a cutter as the eastern variety. To be sure it was not beautiful to look at, and did not bear any highly flourished name like "Flyaway" or "P. D. Q.," but it did not lack decoration altogether, for on one side was branded "Use Higgins' Soap," while the other commemorated "Ruby Brand Tomatoes."

In spite of its roughness and clumsiness it was possessed of good speed and strength enough to withstand all the ill-usage the boys gave it. When the snow was soft they used broad runners made of barrel staves, which they made fast to each side, and thus turned their sled into a toboggan.

If John and Ben wanted anything they had to make it or earn enough to buy it—money was not so plentiful that it could be spent on toys and mere amusements, and so they frequently had to devise ways of getting the things they longed for. John had made up his mind that he must have a saddle, bridle, spurs, and quirt (a short, flexible, braided whip) of his own; and when he found that none of these things would be given him, he determined to earn enough money to buy them. Ben, too, had set his heart on owning a repeating rifle (a style of arm that was rather rare in those days) and so the brothers agreed to work together at trapping, mining, or turning a penny in any way that offered. The sum total was to be divided in the spring, when each would buy the long-desired articles.

As spring drew near, Mr. Worth decided to move along and open another mine to the westward, the first one being now in good working order.

Again the family packed up their household goods, abandoned the dug-out that had sheltered them during the long winter months, and started off on a pilgrimage. The spring was well advanced and the verdure of the prairie was in its prime. Wild flowers were plentiful and the air was filled with the melody of the song birds, that of the meadow lark being sweetest and most sustained. Robins, thrushes, plover, and curlews—all did their share to make spring beautiful.

Many prairie-dog villages were passed. The queer little beasts sat on the mounds of earth beside the holes that served for homes, their curiosity drawing them out. The travelers took snap shots at them, but they were as quick as light-

ning and never stayed above ground long enough to allow of careful aim.

John's industry had made him the proud possessor of a new saddle, whose creaking was music in his ears, and even old Baldy seemed to be pleased with his finery, for he pranced around like a two-year-old and arched his neck in a way that seemed to say, "I'm about the finest thing a-top of this earth."

Ben had achieved his aim also, and was the owner of a brand-new repeating Spencer rifle, the result of the sale of the winter's catch.

As the train went further westward the trail grew more and more indistinct, and it became the duty of the boys to go ahead and trace it out. Later, when even the barely discernible wheel tracks had disappeared, it was necessary for them to pick out the best route and also to find the camp sites.

This duty was a delightful one, for new country was continually opening before them, and adventures of all kinds might offer at any moment.

"Ain't those antelopes over there by that little hill?" said John one day, pointing to one side.

"That's right," answered Ben. "What's the matter with chasing them?" He spoke with the authority of the hunter. Possessing the rifle, no opportunity to exploit it was ever allowed to slip; nor, if the truth be told, was John slow in calling attention to his saddle, spurs, and fringed leather chaps.

"All right," said John. "We've never been on an antelope hunt alone."

The boys went off at right angles from the direction they had been taking and rode down a shallow ravine or coulie in order to keep out of sight of the game. They rode slowly along till they reached the end of the depression; here they dismounted and each tied the forelegs of his horse with the rope he carried on his saddle-born: they were not going to travel afoot again if they could help it. It was now necessary to cross the open prairie in plain view of the animals they sought. Advantage was taken of a well-known characteristic of antelopes—their curiosity. John pulled the handkerchief from his neck and began to wave it slowly to and fro over his head as he walked. Ben followed in his brother's tracks, making himself as inconspicuous as possible and fingering the lock of his repeater to be sure that it was in good working order.

The boys drew nearer and nearer, and the flagging was kept up persistently; but it did not seem to have any effect, for the animals were all looking the other way. Still they drew nearer; their eyes were fixed on their quarry, the rifle held ready, every nerve tense, each heart beating furiously with excitement.

Then it was seen that the antelopes were attracted by the white tops of the wagons, which were moving slowly along over the plain. The wagon train was "flagging" them. Now if the hunters could get within range before the spell of curiosity had been satisfied, all would be well.

The boys moved cautiously along till they came to a sunken "buffalo wallow," a muddy place frequented by the bison for the sake of moisture. This afforded the shelter that was needed. Attracted by the flapping canvas wagon-tops the unsuspecting animals drew slowly near the hiding place.

"Oh! if they would only come just a little closer," said Ben under his breath. "I'd have them sure."

Once they stopped and sniffed the air, but just as Ben was about to chance a long-distance shot, they moved on again. "Now, Ben!" said John, excitedly.

For an instant the stock of the rifle rested closely against the boy's cheek—then the shot rang out. Almost simultaneously the biggest of the herd leaped into the air, then fell flat to the ground. The others stood still, bewildered.

"Good! Now for another one," whispered John. Again the rifle was raised and again its deadly crack sounded forth. Another antelope bounded up, ran frantically a few yards, and dropped. At this the rest of the herd made off like the wind, and in a few minutes were mere specks on the horizon.

"Well, I must say," said Ben, exultingly, "I thought once that I would

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For Centerpieces and Doilies

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Good Holders

After burning my hands with square holders, and pulling things on to the floor from the oven in trying to use a towel, I worked out rational proportions for a holder to use about the gas stove. I took two thicknesses of heavy denim, twenty-two by eight and a half inches, turned in the edges and stitched around the outside and diagonally two or three times to quilt it into firmness, and finished with a loop. The holder is long enough to supply both hands but has no superfluous material to catch on stove or dishes. I have enough always on hand so as to use two or more a week, if necessary.—F. M.

To Restore Picture Frames

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For Old Furniture

Any furniture having casters in which the sockets have become broken or the wood weak so that it cannot be fixed with new ones, get a piece of gas pipe of a suitable size to permit the stem of your caster to fit into the pipe.

Then bore a hole into the leg or article, of a suitable depth and diameter, then drive your pipe into the hole you have bored as far as it will go, after which cut the pipe off at the proper place. You then have a caster socket which won't give out.

To Remove Grease Spots from Clothing

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In Sweeping

Mix corn meal and salt, and sprinkle over the carpet before sweeping, to brighten the colors and lay the dust. Sponging carpets with hot salt water occasionally, keeps away moths, and also brightens the colors.—E. I. L.

For Old Upholstery

To restore faded upholstery, beat the dust out well, then brush. Apply a strong lather of castile soap with a hard brush, and wash off with clear water. Then wash off with alum water, and dry. When colors are faded beyond recovery, they may be touched up with a pencil dipped in water colors of suitable shades, mixed with gum water.—E. L.

To Loosen Rusted Screws

One of the simplest and readiest ways of loosening a rusted screw is to apply heat to the head of the screw. A small bar or rod of iron, flat at the end, if reddened in the fire and applied for two or three minutes to the head of the rusty screw will, as soon as it heats the screw, render its withdrawal as easy by the screw-driver as if the screw had been recently inserted.

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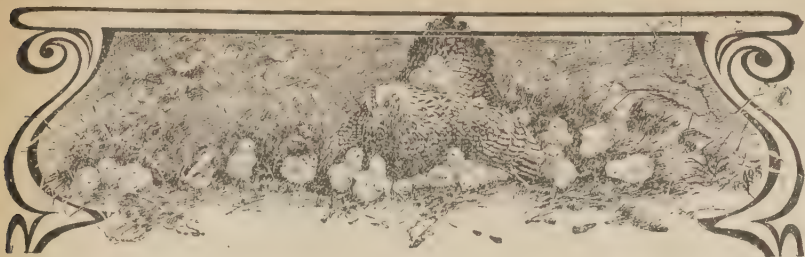
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Selecting Good Stock from Bad

Success that one reaches in raising prize poultry depends mostly upon the ability of the owner to mate up and manage the hens. Of course there are other things that have a bearing in the work, such as quality of stock, space in which to handle it, and time which one is able to devote to it. It is important that the one who keeps poultry for the fancy, as well as for market, not to undertake to go beyond the accommodations; keep only what can be cared for in the best possible way. The earlier in the season that the poor or undesirable specimens can be distinguished from those that are to be kept over the better. This gives those remaining the better chance to improve and develop, and every one will have some that must be culled out. There should not be kept over a lot of ordinary birds, thinking that they may develop into something desirable for breeding purposes. Such management is most sure to result in disappointment and to the detriment of the good birds. And all birds that are unhealthy should be cleared out at once, even if they have some good points, they will amount to nothing in the end if they live and grow up. If there are a dozen or so that you cannot just decide upon, place them by themselves, but never crowd the others to do so, better dispose of them entirely.

The small breeder who raises 100 chicks may be well satisfied if he has thirty good ones, but I know very well that more are expected, and the majority of breeders will undertake to select out more than this number from the 100. As a rule they are too careful about culling, that is taking out those for breeders that should be left in and go to market. Some seem to think that because they have taken some care in selecting the parent breeding stock, or because they sent away and purchased a three or five dollar male bird, that nearly all of the offspring must have more value than a common barnyard fowl, but such is not the case, even from the product of some of the best bred stock in the country there are considerable many birds that must be culled out, some of which are worthless. And if we obtain more or less poor birds when breeding from high class stock, what can we expect to produce by making up our pens of poor to fair specimens. Cut out the scrubs, then go over the flock and cut them out again, or until you have the lot reduced down to a fair sized breeding pen, or if necessary to only a male and female. Then the chances are that you will be able to go ahead and accomplish something in the way of raising some really good birds.

In sorting out the good from the bad, there are matters to be taken into consideration. If the breeder is well acquainted with the variety he has, then he should not hesitate to go ahead and make a selection, but if the breed is new to him and he is not quite sure but what he might dispose of the wrong bird, then he should ask the advice of some one who is familiar with the variety. It sometimes happens that there is a little question about what a bird will be as it gets more age and develops. Frequently a cockerel may be nearly perfect in all points except his comb. In this case I would not be too hasty with him but keep him along; the chances are that a little time will entirely remove that defect. In speaking of this fault I would further state that the development of the comb should not be looked for with impa-

tience, as many birds are very backward in this respect. If the combs of cockerels are found to be soft and not carried upright as they should be, I would recommend a change of diet and plenty of exercise. Give but little or no soft food. Sometimes pale legs will grow dark as the bird gets older, but if the legs are white when they should be yellow, then I would discard them, as they seldom become the proper color. Faults that can seldom be remedied are—want of feathering on the legs, feathers on the legs of clean-legged varieties, humped or round backs, crooked or crossed bills.

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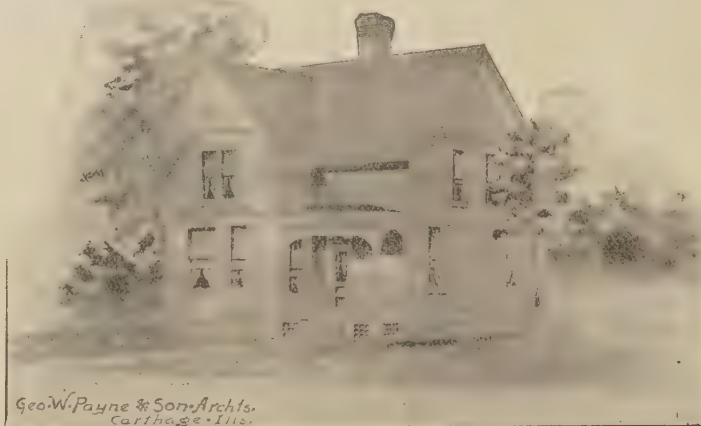
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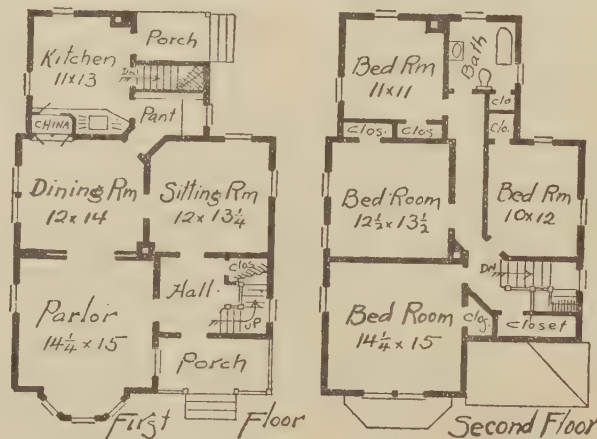
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Crinum Ornatum

I purchased a nice bulb of Crinum ornatum last spring, but no directions for planting came with it. I planted it in a nine-inch pot, letting about one-fifth of the bulb extend above the ground. I had the best of soil, gave it all the sunlight I could and kept it just wet enough to be in good growing condition. It did not start to grow for a long time and then grew very slowly, making only about six inches growth all summer, and showed no signs of blooming. For some time the lower leaves have been ripening and now the whole top looks as if it were going to die. Please tell me what I should do with it? Will it live in the pot over winter in the cellar? When should it be repotted?—J. B., Ohio.

Crinums thrive in a compost of turfy loam, dry cow manure and a little charcoal. When they are grown in large pots they do not require annual repotting. A top dressing of good rich soil is all that is necessary, and when they are well established liquid manure is very beneficial. In the late fall the leaves usually begin to turn yellow, less water should then be given and the plant should be allowed to rest. It can be put in a warm, dry cellar. Water should not be entirely withheld, but only a small quantity given. About mid-winter new growth will start; then the plant should be brought to the light and more water supplied. In summer give it all the sunshine possible and an abundant supply of water. Possibly the reason your plant did not make more growth was because you did not give it enough water. When watering give a thorough soaking; a little water poured in the top of the pot will not thoroughly wet the soil.

Abutilous

Can Abutilous that blossomed in the ground in summer be put in the cellar during the winter?—R. E. L., Mass.

The plants should be taken up with a ball of earth, put into sand in the cellar, and watered just enough to keep the soil from becoming dust dry. In the spring cut them back before planting out.

Horseshoe Geraniums

What should I do to make the brown horseshoe or ring on the Geranium leaves darker? I have two plants on which only faint outlines can be seen.—Mrs. L. B. W., Cal.

Exposure to sunshine would probably make the horseshoe marking darker and more distinct, but many varieties of Geraniums show such rings or markings only faintly and some not at all. It probably is not the nature of the varieties of Geraniums which you have to show the horseshoe distinctly.

Norfolk Island Pine

Please be kind enough to tell me what treatment to give the plant called the Norfolk Island Pine. I have just received a plant of it and do not know how to treat it. What kind of soil should it have? I enjoy Vick's Magazine very much, especially the Floral Question Box.—Mrs. R. H., Miss.

The Araucaria or Norfolk Island Pine will do well in any good potting compost, but thrives best in a soil composed of fibrous loam mixed with leaf mold and sand. When used as house plants they do best in a cool room where the temperature is not over sixty degrees at night, and they should be placed near the light. Much heat will dry up the foliage. Only a very moderate amount of water is necessary during the winter. About once a year, in the spring, they should be shifted into larger pots. In summer the Araucaria may be used on the veranda, but it must be shaded. Pots can be sunk in the ground outside, but when this is done the plants should be protected by a shading of light laths placed about an inch apart. This covering will admit the air and at the same time break the force of the sun's rays. When planted outside both roots and tops should be well watered when the weather is dry. Some species of Araucaria will live out of doors all the year in the most southern states, if the climate is not too dry. It is a native of South America and Australia, and in its native

wilds the tree reaches a height of over 200 feet and a diameter of even nine or ten feet. The plants sold in this country are imported from Ghent, Belgium, where the propagating and growing of them is made the leading specialty in many nurseries.

Narcissus Buds Blighting

What causes Narcissus buds to blast? Buds look all right at first, but turn brown and do not open. Bulbs are planted close to the house on the east side. The same bed is used for Geraniums later in the season and is heavily fertilized for that purpose.—Mrs. W. W. H., New York

The Narcissus bulbs probably do not get enough moisture. Being planted close to the house they do not get the benefit of the rain as they should do. Narcissus should have plenty of water in order to bloom well. Possibly watering them freely might mend matters and tend to make them bloom, but a change of location would undoubtedly be better.

Chinese Azalea

Will you kindly give directions for the proper care of the Chinese Azalea, kind of dirt, proper amount of moisture, and care through the summer so it will bloom again next winter.—Mrs. H. E. H., Iowa.

Azaleas do best in a soil composed of two-thirds turfy loam, not sifted but just broken up, and one-third leaf mold. If to this is added one-tenth of finely sifted decomposed cow or sheep manure it will be so much the better. In the January number, 1907, of the magazine, under the head of "Caring for Christmas Gifts" will be found directions for caring for Azaleas during the summer. One point cannot be enlarged upon too much, and that is never to allow the roots to become dry. The plants should be watered once and sometimes twice a day during hot, dry weather.

Trimming Hydrangeas

When should Hydrangea bushes be trimmed?—M. H. B., New York.

Hydrangeas can be trimmed at any time before the leaves start in the spring.

Care of Ferns

I have tried for several years to raise Ferns, but it seems I cannot do so. I would like to know what kind of treatment they need. I keep them in a southeast window giving them very little sun. In winter the heat is not over fifty degrees, there being no fire in the room but in the adjoining room. I have been watering them only twice a week during the winter, but several of my friends keep their pots of Ferns standing in a pan of water continually. Do you advise that way?—Mrs. E. R., Illinois.

Ferns need an abundance of watering when growing, but during November, December and January they are usually resting and then need but a small supply, unless the room in which they are kept is very hot and dry. Do not keep them soaked all the time, but let the soil get pretty dry, then put water in the saucer. If the saucer is kept full all the time, the earth becomes sour and the fronds spindling, which shows the plants are being kept too wet.

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Household Recipes

Pieplant in Various Ways

By Elma Iona Locke

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Unless the pieplant is very young and tender it is better to remove some of the surplus acid, which can be done in this way: When already for cooking, pour boiling water over it, let it stand a few minutes, then pour it off and add fresh water for cooking.

Simple Stewed Pieplant:—Peel and cut in short lengths, stew in a small quantity of water until tender, adding sugar to taste while it is still hot. If a little orange peel is first boiled in the water, it will add a pleasant flavor.

Pieplant Shortcake:—Make a nice crust and roll out into two thin cakes, butter the top of one and lay the other upon it, bake until done; then separate, and use the following filling between and on top: Two cups of stewed and sweetened pieplant, and one cup of either figs or dates, stewed and chopped; cook them together for a few minutes, then spread on the cake while both are hot. Whipped and sweetened cream spread on the top is an improvement.

Baked Pieplant:—Cut in half-inch pieces, pour boiling water over them and cover for five minutes. Drain off the water, add a cup of sugar to a pint of pieplant, put in an earthen or granite dish and bake slowly until of the consistency of thin jelly and of a pinkish green color.

Pieplant Dessert:—Cook a quart of finely chopped pieplant in a very little water until soft, press through a colander, sweeten to taste, flavor with lemon; then let get very cold. Beat the whites of two eggs stiff with two tablespoons of powdered sugar, whisk lightly into the pieplant, dust the top with sugar and finely chopped almonds, and serve.

Pieplant Jelly Dessert:—Wash and cut in inch pieces without peeling; to each quart add a pint of water and boil gently until it is a mush. Strain without pressure through two thicknesses of cheesecloth. Reheat and make very sweet. Measure, and for a pint and a half soak a generous half package of granulated gelatine in a half cup of cold water. When softened add the hot pieplant, stir until the gelatine is dissolved, and pour into wetted moulds until firm. Serve with cream.

Jellied Pieplant with Whipped Cream:—Cut one pound of pieplant into short pieces and put in a granite baking pan with one cup of sugar, the thin rind of one-quarter of a lemon cut in small strips, and one and one-half inches of ginger root; cover and bake until tender. Then add one-half ounce of gelatine, previously softened in one-half cup of cold water; set in pan of hot water and stir until thoroughly dissolved, add one tablespoon of lemon juice, and pour all into a fancy mould which has been dipped in cold water. Keep on ice until time to serve, then put out on a glass dish, fill the center with whipped cream, and put small mounds of it around the jelly.

Pieplant Pudding:—Wash three pints of red pieplant and cut into inch lengths without peeling; mix half a grated nutmeg with three cups of granulated sugar. Butter a dish well, line it with a layer of fine bread crumbs, cover with a layer of the pieplant, then sprinkle thickly with the sugar and dot with bits of butter; repeat until the dish is full, having the last layer of crumbs, adding bits of butter. Bake for an hour in a rather slow oven; serve hot or cold, with either plain or whipped cream.

Pieplant Cup Puddings:—Butter as many cups as there are persons to be served, and into each put a large spoonful of stewed and sweetened pieplant. Pour boiling water on a pint of bread crumbs, let them soak until soft, then

drain. Add to the crumbs one well beaten egg, a large spoonful of sugar, a little nutmeg, and mix well together. Turn this upon the pieplant in the cups and bake. Serve with cream and sugar.

Pieplant Souffle:—Cut the pieplant fine, put in a double boiler with enough sugar to sweeten, steam until tender, then press through a sieve. Add the well beaten yolk of one egg to each cupful, then fold in lightly the whites of the eggs beaten to a stiff froth. Bake in a buttered pudding dish until it begins to crack open on top.

Pieplant Cobbler:—Butter a deep dish and fill with pieplant cut in inch pieces. Add plenty of sugar and pour over a batter made of one cup sweet milk, two well beaten eggs, a saltspoon of salt, a heaping teaspoon of baking powder, and two cups of flour. Bake until of a golden brown, turn out the fruit side up, and serve warm with any preferred sauce.

Pieplant Sponge:—Cut about a dozen stalks of pink pieplant into inch length pieces and stew with a half pound of crushed loaf sugar. Slice up four penny sponge cakes and line a small pudding dish with them, making them fit in as well as possible. Now put a layer of pieplant over, and arrange the remainder of the cakes in layers with the pieplant. Cover with saucer and a small weight and place in a cool place till next day. Then turn out onto the dish it is to be served in and cover thickly with whipped cream, sweetened.

Pieplant Pie:—Having lined a plate with good paste, put in a large cupful of pieplant cut in small pieces, beat together one-half cup of sugar and one egg, and pour over the pieplant, sprinkle over a small pinch of salt, and cover with a top crust, and bake.

Pieplant Custard Pie:—Stew a pint of finely chopped pieplant in a very little water until tender, press through a colander, add one cup sugar mixed with one tablespoon of flour, and two well beaten eggs. Line a plate with paste, brush it over with white of egg, pour in the pieplant mixture, and bake in a quick oven without a top crust. Add a meringue of the white of an egg beaten stiff with a spoonful of sugar, or serve with whipped cream piled over the top.

Pieplant Sherbet:—Wash one bunch of pieplant, and cut in small pieces, put on the fire with a quart of water and cook slowly until tender, adding the grated rind of one lemon and one cup or more of sugar. Strain and stand on ice for two hours, serve with crushed ice in glasses.

Pieplant and Figs:—Peel and cut pieplant enough to weigh six pounds, add one pound of chopped figs, and one-fourth pound of candied lemon peel cut fine; cover all with five pounds of moist sugar, and let stand until the next day, then boil slowly for one hour.

Pieplant Jelly:—Old, tough stalks are best for jelly. Cut up without peeling, and cook in a very little water until tender. When cold, press out the juice and bring to the boiling point, then add as much sugar as there is juice, and boil hard for twenty-two minutes. Pour into glasses, and when cold, cover with melted paraffin.

Pieplant Jam:—Wash young stalks and cut up without peeling, allow to each pound, three-fourths of a pound of sugar, and bring slowly to a boil, then boil and stir constantly for three-quarters of an hour. Put into jars or tumblers and tie closely.

Canned Raw Pieplant:—Take that which is young and tender, wash and peel, cut in short pieces. Pack in sterilized jars, and fill to overflowing with cold water, let stand ten minutes. Drain off the water and fill again to overflowing with fresh cold water. Seal with sterilized rings and covers. When required for use, treat the same as fresh pieplant.

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More Notes on Squab Raising

So much interest has been manifested in the subject of squab raising and so many inquiries directed to the editor of this magazine, that some more notes on this subject have been prepared. In our columns will be found the advertisements of dealers to whom subscribers can write directly. No special form of building is necessary to rear squabs successfully, provided that it is placed on fairly level, sunny ground; that it is raised sufficiently from the ground so that rats cannot breed under it out of sight and reach; and that it can be made fairly tight so as to keep out rain and cold. Pigeons, like any other living creature, need fresh air and sunlight, and protection from the elements.

After these points are considered, any building which combines them can be used to advantage, whether it is a woodshed, corn crib, a barn, or even an old hog pen.

Taking it for granted, therefore, that your building is raised on posts a foot or two above the ground, that it faces south, or any direction sheltered from the fierce weather, that, if it is in a northern climate it is made tight and warm, then when the floor is newly laid or well patched, give your attention to the other important points. First it must have a flying pen attached to it, and this must be made either large or small according to your needs and the space at hand. Long flight is not necessary to the birds,

but some place where they can get out and sun themselves, is. To cover this pen you need the ordinary poultry netting, two inch mesh, which you can get in rolls of any width up to six feet. To lead into this pen you should have a window through which the birds can fly, and which can be shut at night or when the weather is cold. You must cover all the glass in this window with wire netting so that the birds cannot fly against it and injure themselves. You also need a door to let yourself into and out of the squab house, and then prepare the nesting boxes. If desirable you can line three walls of your house with nesting boxes, leaving the other side for perches, which should be placed about fifteen inches apart.

The nesting arrangements are most important. The nest box is something in which the nesting bowl stands. The illustration shows a bird in its bowl, the bowl resting in its box, and another bowl above it on the next tier of shelves. The nest boxes should be about one foot high, one foot wide and one foot deep. Egg crates or orange boxes made good nesting boxes; are easily had and cheap. You can arrange the crates one on top of the other, their weight keeping them in place, and they are easy to move and clean, which is a great advantage. You should have two nest boxes for each pair of pigeons, for when the first two squabs in one nest are two weeks old, the mother bird leaves them and goes to another nest where she lays two more eggs, leaving the care of the first pair of squabs to the father bird. So if you have twenty pairs of birds you will need forty nest

boxes. Never fill your house to its full capacity, twenty pairs of birds in a house with forty-five boxes will do better than if there were three or four more pairs of birds. Remember this.

The feeding question is another important one, and the best results are obtained when the birds have plenty of grain and clean drinking water before them all the time. The automatic drinking fountains are the best and should be scalded once a week. About once a week a teaspoonful of gentian to a gallon of water should be given them. Fresh water for bathing should be kept in the flying pen all summer, and twice a week in winter at noontime the birds should be allowed to bathe. It is very essential that the pigeons should be kept clean. The houses and nests should be cleaned each week, and the floors, perches and walk should also be sprayed with a liquid disinfectant. For nesting material, tobacco stems cut into six inch strips are the best, and are a safe guard against vermin.

Get acquainted with your pigeons. Do not be afraid to enter the squab house when housekeeping is going on; the birds will soon get accustomed to you, and will sit contentedly on the nest while you investigate the eggs or squabs beneath them. Carry some hemp seed in your hand when you enter the house, and the birds will soon learn to eat from your hand.

Also remember that the droppings are a source of profit and worth scrapping up and carefully saving. Clean the floor about once in three weeks if your flock is a small one, and pack the manure away in bags or barrels. Pigeon manure is in demand by tanneries all the time and is paid for at about the rate of sixty cents a bushel. You can store these droppings in any out-house, since they have no disagreeable odor.

Do not have your squab house too light. A new flock in a new house breed best in a house which is not filled with glaring light. Shade the window so as to temper the light, but do not build up any boxing in front of the nest bowl, for the nest boxes become dirty when this is done.

Wood-fiber nest bowls have proved to be the best, since they do not warp or crack as do the wooden bowls. They are easily kept clean, they are not cold enough to chill the eggs, and they prevent the legs of the squabs from becoming deformed. When the resting boxes are ready for the birds, they take the nest material and lay it prettily in the nest boxes. They will not use dirty stuff, and the best way to present it to them is to partially fill a berry crate with the tobacco strips, place it in the house, and with their bills they will draw out the strips.

The squabs, when they have grown large enough for marketing, should be removed from the squab house in a basket or some convenient receptacle, to the place where they are to be killed. They should never be killed before the parent birds.

The average breeding record of Homer (Continued on page 24)

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IN THE GARDEN



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Starting a Strawberry Bed

In starting your strawberry bed, the first point to be considered is that the ground is in the best condition and thoroughly pulverized. Then the second point, and this cannot be too strongly emphasized, is that you should select only absolutely healthy and large plants. Many farmers will take the plants as they come, whether it be in a bed he is transplanting, or from a boughten supply. The plants should be carefully looked over and nothing that is inferior set in the ground. This carelessness will often give smaller crops than should come from a properly prepared and well-set bed.

Great care should be exercised in planting. The ground, of course, should be in prime condition and thoroughly pulverized. Even if you are transplanting on a somewhat large scale, you will get better results by shunning the horse or even the hand planter. The only tool necessary is an ordinary setting trowel which any blacksmith can make out of good steel. The handle should be about six inches long and the blade seven or seven and one-half inches. The same person digs the hole and sets the plant. Pack the dirt firmly about the roots and scatter loose dirt about the plant at the last moment, to cover the finger marks and prevent the soil from baking. The plant set in this way resumes its growth immediately. Care should be taken not to put the plant too deep in the ground, nor yet too far out. Do not cover the crown, but leave it just level with the surface. As soon as the setting is complete, cultivation with a fine-tooth cultivator should begin, to be followed with a hoe as soon as possible. When hoeing, uncover any buried crown and place fresh dirt around the roots of each plant.

If you wish to grow these berries for household use only, an excellent way is to use strawberry plants as borders to the vegetable beds. A single row of fine plants should be set all about the beds just at the edge of the walks so that they can be easily cultivated and picked. It is very easy in this way to keep the berries well strawed, and you will find that "mother and the girls" will like to have them so easy to get at, and in such a prime condition. It never pays to have the home garden or fruit patch too far from the house, since there are always steps enough to be taken in any case.

Variety and Rotation of Crops Conserve Fertility

From experience we have learned that to keep up the fertility of our soils a variety of crops must be grown and a system of rotation followed that will improve and maintain the proper physical condition of the soil. If we can improve the texture to such an extent that it will appear like virgin soil, we will be assured of good crops, even in unfavorable seasons.

Some leguminous crops should be grown in this rotation for cover crops, as the legumes have that property that enables them to obtain nitrogen from the air. No rotation of crops is complete without returning to the land the major parts of the crops grown upon the land after having been fed to some kind of live stock.

If these statements be true, and I think you will all agree that they are, then only by practicing diversified farming can we keep up the fertility of our farms, and if we cannot maintain and improve the fertility of our farms, then farming is a failure.

For the Young Squash and Cucumber Vines

It is one of the strange coincidences of life that the striped cucumber beetle usually hatches out the same afternoon that Hubbard squash breaks ground, and the news reaches the insects instantly. Then is the time they work ruin, while the plants are in the seed leaf.

Buy mosquito netting; remnants are to be had cheap. Cut about eighteen inches square. When you plant vines, set a small stick in center of hill so the end sticks up a few inches. Drop a square of netting over this and spread over the hill. Cover the edges with soil to keep the wind from blowing it away. Leave over until the vines have eight or ten leaves or begin pushing the cover off. The "bugs" will disappear before that time. They usually do the ruin in two days. Save the covers and they will save the crop for some years. Six ten-pound squashes will buy a quantity of netting in the fall.

The Squash Beetle. This big dusky demon is one of the worst of bugs to fight. I fought them three seasons on summer squash, I prevented them from leaving posterity, I think, for none appeared since then. Tobacco stems several inches deep mulched the hills all one season—and did no good! I found the most effectual remedy to be a spring bottom oil-can with kerosene or gasoline in it. The vines were hunted over in the morning and a drop of oil applied to the nest of eggs and to each insect. A post or board set up in the hill soon becomes a favorite resort for the adults to catch the morning sunshine. They are sluggish then and readily oiled. Don't apply the oil freely to the leaves since it burns holes readily.

A sheet of sticky fly-paper spread on the soil under the hill and a strip of board or pasteboard on little stones or earth lumps over it, leaving room for the beetles to secrete themselves under it, trap many.

A strong solution of carbolic acid in water freely sprayed on the soil at planting time is very offensive to them and quite permanent. When the vines run, covering deeply at frequent intervals with earth in which they will strike root, aids the vine.

A heavy coat of land plaster on the vines while wet is very good. A coat of cement and sand brushed on the vines near the ground is a check to vine borers and beetles. Soot from chimney dusted on the damp vines and about the hill has much merit. A thin solution of droppings from the cow stable liberally applied is fairly efficacious. A rag dipped in oil of fir placed at the hill is said to be efficacious. Cedar boughs and oil of cedar are very noxious to most insects. Insect powder dry or in solution is good while it lasts, but too brief for practical squash growers.

Strong solution of red pepper and tobacco sprayed on helps some. So does a liberal dusting with rye flour or buckwheat middlings while plants are wet. Plant two or three tight hills for traps so they come up first. When the pests are thick in them and sluggish at early morn or eve drop a tight box over them and turn in a little carbon bisulphide, or some gasoline, or plenty of insect powder, or throw on straw and apply fire. In the last warm days of autumn the next year's crop of breeding beetles may be seen crowded on pumpkins and squash. Kerosene them or cover with a spade full of dirt and save much trouble next year.

The man who has planted a garden feels that he has done something for the good of the world.—Charles Dudley Warner.

MILLIONS IN NEVADA'S NEWEST GOLD STRIKE

Interest in Nevada mining regions steadily is centering in Gold Mountain, which, lying as it does half way between Bullfrog and Goldfield, is regarded by insiders as occupying an exceptionally advantageous position. Already ore running \$125 a ton in gold and \$113 in silver has been taken from the Wyman-Vick mine, and a mile to the north-east the Grape Vine Mining Company's shaft assays \$187 a ton at a fifty-foot depth and \$234 at 100 feet. An official report from C. W. Hayes, just back from Lida discloses that immense bodies of ore have been found in the upper levels and that richer dirt lies below. Hayes is chief owner of the Nevada Frisbee Mining and Milling Company, and is one of Goldfield's big mining men. He reports two shifts are busy crosscutting from the 200-foot level to reach the richer bodies at greater depth, and that in the vein already bisected there has been found a vast milling ore, with extremely high grade rock in stringers. The Frisbee company awaits only the arrival of material to build a mill.

Colonel O. P. Posey, of the Thanksgiving mine, also has arranged to put up a mill. The Centennial, Florida, Snowstorm, Washington-Nevada and Copper Queen mines are shipping. On different sides of the Wyman-Vick three good mines have been opened, one of them not a quarter mile off. Shipment from all those mines, including the Wyman-Vick, will be facilitated shortly by extension of a branch of the Bullfrog Railroad to Lida.

The great profits in mining stocks are made by those who invest at the beginning while the property is in precisely the condition this property is in now, and we cannot too strongly recommend Wyman-Vick stock at the present price, 35 cents a share, par value \$1. Buy all you can afford to carry, as the price will greatly advance soon.

Careful investigation indicates that no better chance to make a large fortune from a small beginning is likely to be offered than the opportunity to invest in Wyman-Vick stock. Millions on millions of dollars have been made in the past year by those who bought Nevada mining stocks at opening prices. In one month alone, October last, there was a rise of \$31,000,000 in the value of eighteen Nevada gold mining stocks. The Wyman-Vick mine shows as great merit and as solid certainty of great profit as any other enterprise that has been promoted in Southern Nevada. It is predicted confidently that investors in Wyman-Vick stock will double their money many times. The stock's present value is estimated at \$1 a share. Not only is it considered likely to sell shortly at par, but the prophecy is made emphatically that it will advance to \$5, then to \$10 and at last to \$15 a share, if not more.

With prospects at a similar stage of development no better than the Wyman-Vick's are now, other properties have made many millions for investors. Stockholders with comparatively small holdings have been made rich. Several of those other properties are producing from \$600,000 to \$1,000,000 a month. Another Gold Mountain Mine recently has become one of the greatest in the country.

How rapidly mining stocks can enrich their holders is shown by the fact that a block of Mohawk stock bought for \$500 precisely one year later was worth \$75,000. Another \$500 investment in six short months increased to \$19,000. No other investment compares with mining in possibilities. Possibilities of that kind would seem entitled to prompt and careful consideration.

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In the Spiraea Bush

By Elizabeth Ogilvie

There was a great twittering and commotion that morning; I couldn't tell just what it was at first, so I left my sewing and went out into the yard. As I stood looking about me, I first of all took in the beauty of my Spiraea Van Houttei, the grandest of all the white Spiraeas. It was in full bloom and looked like a mass of crunched snow with here and there a clump of green.

The chirping was still going on and, anxious to get a better view, I stepped nearer the bush. What I saw was a pair

fore adding the rest. This may answer the purpose. I have never tried it. I always throw away what does not seem tender, preferring a small quantity that is really good, to more of an inferior quality.

Next to asparagus come greens of various kinds. With many, dandelions rank high, partly on account of their medicinal qualities. For myself they are too bitter to be really appetizing and take so long to gather and pick over that I seldom use them, substituting a mixture of pig-weeds and mustard until I can have beet greens or spinach.

Spinach is my first choice as it is to be had for the cutting, is easily raised,



Spiraea Bush

of dear, little birds, planning as to how and just where they would begin house-keeping.

After much talking and consulting, they must have agreed on the exact spot to build their house. Away they flew making a beautiful flash of color as they soared away, lost to my gaze all too soon. Anxious to see the result of so promising a beginning, I took my chair out on the porch where I could obtain a good view of all that went on in my yard. I did not have long to wait for the return of my new neighbors.

They were laden with material for the new house, and building began in earnest. Back and forth they flew day after day. While they were away for more trimming for the little nest, I took a peep. There it was, securely fastened, in the heaviest part of the bush where the rain or wind could not harm it. Soon four small, brown and white speckled eggs were laid. I anxiously awaited the arrival of the young birds. It was a delight to see the devotion of the father bird and the care he bestowed on his little wife.

Dainty after dainty found its way to her. At last the happy day arrived, and four little gaping-mouthed babies filled the nest. This meant more food. The family must have the best of everything.

I had put out crumbs and cracked wheat these many weeks and was rewarded by the friendliness of my neighbors. When the young birds were ready to leave the nest, I felt a great loneliness, for I had been depending on these feathered songsters for much of my entertainment. I earnestly hope they will return next spring to my Spiraea Bush, which let us hope, generation after generation will call home.

Green Things

By Gazelle S. Sharp

Asparagus is relished by most people who are fond of vegetables, and is also a most healthful article of food. People who do not care for it especially would eat it oftener if more care were taken in its preparation. One or two tough, stringy bits spoils the dish for a dainty person. If the asparagus is cut, or still better, broken piece by piece from the tip it is easy to tell when the stalk is no longer tender and the remainder should not be used unless pared. Some try boiling the tougher portions a short time be-

easily cleaned and cooks in less than half an hour. I often save some of the liquid from boiled meat to boil it in as it cooks so quickly, and salt pork needs so much boiling before it could be added. A neighbor told me she usually boiled it in salted water and served hot with butter, pepper and salt; or after draining, she fried it a few minutes in a skillet or in the kettle in which it was cooked with butter or beef drippings. In this way it is fit for an invalid, as I know by experience.

While on the subject of green things let me ask if you cut your lettuce? A small bed in this way will furnish enough lettuce for a large family, if not cut too close, the leaves growing rapidly from the old roots. It saves replanting and is also of a better quality than usually comes from a later planting.

Give the Children Seeds and a Garden

By Marie E. Crosby

A few sweet pea seeds were the beginning of gardening among our five boys and girls. These seeds were planted in a little set-off space, by the children themselves, each being owner of a definite part.

When the first young plants came up, it is a wonder they did not wither from bashfulness, owing to the amount of attention bestowed upon them by the baby gardeners. The plants had scarcely an unobserved minute during the waking hours of the children who were too young to go to the district school.

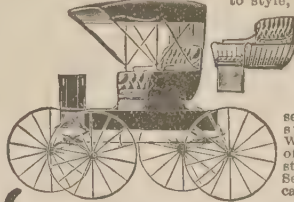
When the buds began to show their color, the interest began to increase and it reached its climax when at length the gay and graceful blossoms danced upon their stems.

Then the children were vocal with delight. Then ever and anon I was greeted with shouts such as:—"O! Mother, see mine is pink!" or "Look at my beauty red one!" or "Don't you like pink and white sweet peas best?"

A row of sun burned, denim-clad youngsters squatted before their flowers and did homage to the blossoms. Like devotees at a shrine were they. This was the beginning. Soon the boys began to take an interest in the farm vegetable garden and helped in its cultivation. Then they cleared a small patch for their own garden and raised vegeta-

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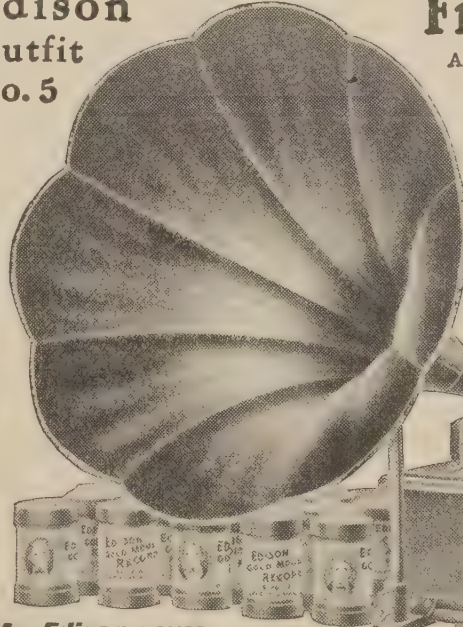


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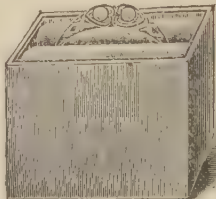
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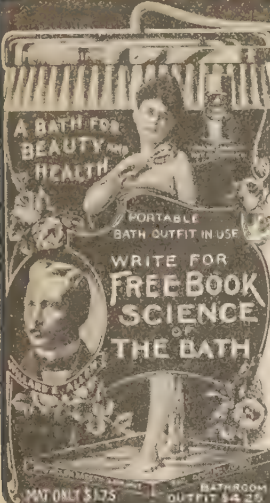
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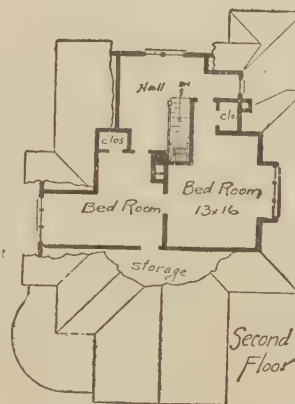
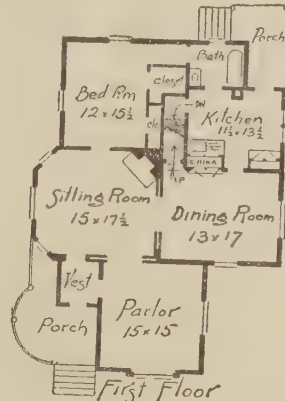
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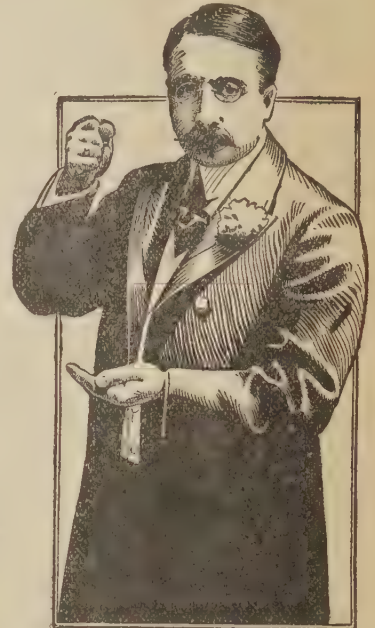
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CHAPTER XVI

THE OLD VIOLIN

Hugh called at the *Patriot* office to congratulate the major on Fewer's retraction. He found him in his den dictating an editorial to his daughter.

"You see that my daughter is my amanuensis," said the major. "She has mastered the pothooks of short hand so thoroughly that she is able to report the speeches of our public men. In addition she has worked in the printing-office for four years. I maintain that an experience in a country printing-office is a liberal education in itself."

Hugh was very much surprised to find that Marie possessed so much practical knowledge. These accomplishments and her musical talents, increased his interest in her.

Marie soon returned to the back room, and the major, taking up some copy that was lying on the table, said, "We are enjoying good times in southwestern Kansas, but the dailies of our larger cities constantly remind us that something is wrong in our economic system. Has it ever struck you, Mr. Stanton, that something is radically wrong and unfair in the distribution of wealth?"

"Really, Major," replied Hugh, "I am not sufficiently versed in political economy to discuss the subject intelligently. I believe that there is an improvident class of laborers in this country, who, when out of employment, are immediately out of money."

"The obligations of the government and of its citizens," said the major, warmly, "are mutual. A government that demands defense from its citizens in the hour of peril, and fails to provide work for them in the time of peace, is cowardly and lame in solving the simplest elementary problems of human existence and comfort."

"But is there so much want and misery abroad in the land?" asked Hugh. "Thanksgiving proclamations from the various States disclose the fact that prosperity and plenty abound. I fear, Major, that you are pessimistic on this subject."

"My dear Stanton," replied the major, earnestly, "a Thanksgiving proclamation, nine times out of ten, is a burlesque on our civilization. The rich grow richer, and, under the legal protection of bristling bayonets, they enforce oppressive and unjust laws; while the poor continually grow poorer and more miserable. I can not blame the masses for not tolerating the licentious luxury of the rich."

"How about the poor?" asked Hugh. "Isn't there a considerable number of them who would like to divide up property?"

"Hold on, Stanton," said the major; "stop right there. You and I must not talk politics. My convictions are so strong that I find myself irritated by your words. I am beginning to feel ugly toward you."

"I quite agree with you that nothing can be gained by heated discussions," said Hugh.

The major made no reply, but soon afterward, they walked down the street toward his home. On reaching the library, the major turned to Hugh and said, "Stanton, I have something to say to you. I feel like taking you into my confidence."

Hugh observed an earnestness in the words of the major, and in the expression of his face, that he had never noticed before. He turned away from Hugh in apparent half indecision, and went into another room; but soon returned with a violin.

"What, are you master of all musical instruments?" asked Hugh, looking up in pleased surprise.

"Master is a strong word," replied the major, as he gently tuned the aged Stradivarius, and softly thumbed the strings. Then, tenderly embracing the violin with his chin, as he placed it in position, he brought his bow at right angles, and Schumann's "Traumeri" trembled from the strings in soft and plaintive melody. Other airs followed in quick succession, and, as he played, the pleading tones seemed to grow richer and deeper.

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CHAPTER XVII

LENOX AVONDALE'S ARRIVAL

As the weeks wore into months, Hugh Stanton saw a great deal of the Hortons. The cattle king seemed drawn to Hugh by some strange attachment which he could not explain. Even Mrs. Horton began to feel a sense of security about Hugh's presence at their home that she could not have believed possible a few months before.

Hugh had been thrown much in Ethel's society, and his admiration for the girl had strengthened at each succeeding meeting. They frequently went horse-back riding together and he found her to be an expert equestrienne.

It was a bright autumnal day, and Hugh and Ethel were returning to the Horton home after a long ride. She had been telling him of Lake Geneva; and he confessed that, notwithstanding his long residence in Chicago, he had never visited that beautiful resort. Once Ethel was tempted to ask him if he were acquainted with Doctor Redfield, but her letter had never been answered, and she refrained from doing so.

On entering the house, Ethel uttered an exclamation of surprise, as she went forward to welcome a stranger whom her mother was entertaining. Then, turning, she introduced Dr. Lenox Avondale to Hugh. The Englishman bowed indifferently to Stanton, and turned again to Mrs. Horton. There was a supercilious air about the man which Hugh instinctively disliked.

As Hugh took his departure, Ethel followed him to the veranda and insisted that they must have their ride together the next afternoon. Hugh believed her solicitude was to make amends for the haughty indifference of the Englishman.

"Miss Ethel," said he, "I surrender unconditionally. But if you are sure that you want me, let me know. I fancy your time will be entirely taken up during the stay of your English friend."

As Hugh rode homeward, he saw a carriage coming toward him. It was Mrs. Osborn. At her salutation he dismounted and stood beside the carriage.

"Did you meet Doctor Avondale?" she asked, with an air of triumph playing about her pretty face.

"I had that honor," replied Hugh. Then followed some light conversation, and Mrs. Osborn asked,

"Are you sure, quite sure, you do not want to ask me a single question?"

"Well, I should like to know how long the Englishman is going to remain?" said Hugh, hesitatingly.

Mrs. Osborn broke into a silvery laugh, as she replied, "What difference can it make to you? Your regard for Miss Ethel is only of a platonic nature, don't you know?"

"That is very true," replied Hugh, "I have not changed my mind a particle; nevertheless, a platonic regard may be strong enough to cause one to take a deep interest in one's friends."

"You are quite clever to put it that way," said Mrs. Osborn. "I shall try to ascertain, and will let you know just how long Doctor Avondale expects to remain. Come to dinner this evening. I think, perhaps, I shall entertain Doctor Avondale tomorrow evening."

"Oh, very well," replied Hugh, and with this arrangement he bade her good day.

When Hugh arrived at Captain Osborn's that evening, he found the captain with his little son, Harry.

"Hello, Hugh, my boy," cried the captain, as he saw him coming through the gate, "come out here, and make yourself at home."

"How do, Untie Hoo," said Harry, "don't 'ou fink dis is a nice p'ace?" asked the little fellow, waving his small hand around the enclosed nook.

"Indeed, it is, Harry," replied Hugh,

"one of the most delightful places I ever saw."

"Dis is where papa an' I tums a tourtin'," said he, innocently. "We's fallin' more an' more in love wiv each uv'er ever' time we tums out here, is n't we, papa?"

"That's what we are, you little rogue," laughed the captain, beaming tenderly at the child.

Soon after, Mrs. Osborn drove up, and they all went in to dinner.

"I presume," remarked the captain, "that this distinguished surgeon, Dr. Lenox Avondale, will take up his quarters at the Grove and stay indefinitely. It's a great deal cheaper than stopping at a public hotel."

"Captain," said Mrs. Osborn, coldly, "your inference is very unbecoming. You may speak disrespectfully in a general way about the English people, if it pleases you, but I cannot allow thoughtless remarks about my own particular English friends to pass unnoticed."

"I beg your pardon, Lucy, I thought Doctor Avondale was the particular friend of Mrs. Horton and Miss Ethel."

"And why not mine also?" she inquired, rather testily.

"Oh, I didn't know that," said the captain.

"Well, that's it, Captain; there is so much that you don't know, and your remarks are so careless that you quite provoke me."

"There's one thing I do know," said the captain, as usual taking refuge in his boy. "I have a young gentleman at my right, here, who is the worst little rascal in southwestern Kansas."

"Oh, don't tell on me, papa; don't 'ou tell!"

"What's that, Harry?" inquired his mother, curiously.

"Oh, dat's a se'tret 'tween papa an' me."

The captain laughed heartily. "Ou see, mamma, I p'aid a big joke on papa an' it turn out to be a joke on me; dat's why I wants to teep it a se'tret."

"Well, I'll not tell, Harry; I'll be true to you."

"Dat's wight, papa, I did n't fink 'ou 'd tell."

"Doctor Avondale will be a fellow lodger of yours at the hotel," observed Mrs. Osborn, addressing Hugh.

"Indeed?" said Hugh, inquiringly.

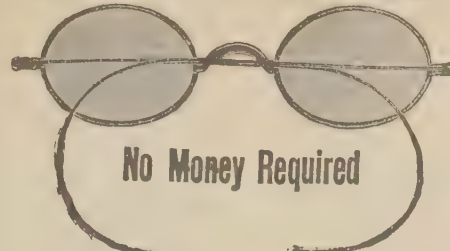
"Yes, I have discussed the matter with him, and he has decided, much against the wishes of Mrs. Horton, that it would, perhaps, be more pleasant for him to stop in town."

"Well, why did n't you say so at once, Lucy?" asked the captain.

"Because I was kept so busy defending my friends against your unwarranted attacks."

"Oh, come, my dear," said the captain, "you know I would not offend any of your friends intentionally under any circumstances. You also know, I believe,

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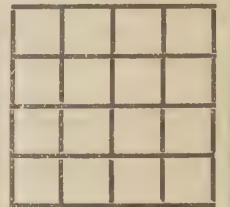
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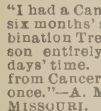
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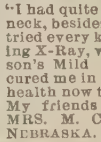
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She then turned away indifferently, and told Hugh that Doctor Avondale would probably remain three or four weeks at Meade.

As Hugh walked down the street toward the hotel, he wondered what the next year would bring forth. He was conscious of an interest in Ethel Horton that he could not quite understand. He believed that he could far more easily analyze his feelings toward little Marie Hampton, with her rich contralto voice, than he could his friendship for the queenly Ethel.

In the meantime, Dr. Lenox Avondale had dined with the Hortons, and had succeeded in making himself quite agreeable.

The coming of Lenox Avondale, his reception at their home, her mother's special efforts to entertain him, a half-overheard conversation of Lucy Osborn with her mother, had all conspired to awaken Ethel to the seriousness of the situation. Her troubles would have changed to the merest schoolgirl sport, if it she were only fortified with even one word from Jack Redfield, but her letter was unanswered.

She was glad when Avondale started on his return to Meade soon after dinner. When he had gone, Ethel strolled down toward the lake, and paused at the little summer-house. She was no longer the free-hearted and happy girl who once gambled over the prairie.

The intrigues of Lucy Osborn, seconded by the negative assistance of a well-meaning and yet a weak mother, had subjected her to grief and humiliation.

"Oh, Jack," she sighed, half aloud, "Jack, why have you broken my heart? Why have you not come to me, and loved me? You taught me the lesson of life—how to love—and now it must be you have forgotten me; but my love is still as fragrant as a full-blown rose, and, like the rose stem, it has many thorns, but I cannot give up the rose because of the thorns on the stem; neither can I give up this great love, nor forget it, nor put it away from me."

A brown thrush flew from the summer-house and alighted in front of her. It was the mate of the constant mother bird, and Ethel knew it well. She had brought it crumbs for many a day. She loved it. Taking a handful of crumbs, she motioned as if to toss them, and the thrush hopped nearer to her for it was not afraid. "Now, look out," she said:

"One's for the money,
Two's for the show,
Three's to make ready,
And four's to go."

"Oh, bright-winged thrush," she said, with girlish superstition, "I beg you to tell him who won my heart so long—so very long—ago. Is he true? Tell me, thrush, tell me, tell."

The thrush winked his knowing eyes, then he chirped,—not in dirge-like tones, but in notes of hope.

"Oh," said Ethel, "who knows, who knows?"

She sighed as she looked fondly at the bird. "Your song is one of hope. You answer me with cheery chirps, but still I believe you not—I believe you not."

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PROPERTY

The property of the Company is located in Bridal Veil Basin, near the city of Telluride, and right in the very heart of the rich gold and silver bearing district of San Miguel County, Colorado.

It consists of twelve very rich claims and three mill-sites, and comprises about 180 acres. The Company owns this property in fee simple, and there is no incumbrance or indebtedness on same.

Immediately surrounding this company's property are the famous Smuggler Union, Liberty Bell, Tomboy, Nellie and Camp Bird mines.

These companies earned upwards of \$4,500,000 last year. The Double Eagle property is more advantageously situated, and its ore assays far greater values than any of the foregoing companies.

PRESENT EQUIPMENT

The company has erected on its property one fully equipped mill with a capacity of ten tons daily, a blacksmith shop, a machine shop, power house and dynamo room, a bunk house, assay office and laboratory and other minor buildings, all fully equipped. The machinery and buildings are all in splendid condition, and as good as when installed.

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VALUE OF ORE DEPOSITS

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Cattle Ranch to College

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rather have your saddle and outfit, but now—"he slapped the stock of his rifle affectionately—"I wouldn't swap if you gave me Baldy to boot."

"Baldy to boot, eh? Why I wouldn't swap that horse for a whole stack of rifles." And John moved off in indignation to get the horses, while Ben went over to the spot where the game lay.

The carcasses were packed on Ben's horse, both boys mounting Baldy. They were welcomed heartily at the camp, for fresh meat was at a premium, and any change of diet was an event of prime importance.

"That gun of yours must be chained lightning," said Ted. "I didn't suppose you could hit the side of a hill at fifty yards."

During this long journey the boys came to know the men of the party pretty well. They were apt to be sharply divided into good and bad, for in those rough times people showed their real characters without reserve.

Charley Green still continued with the company, and he was the boys' greatest friend; but Tom Malloy, who joined the expedition just before it started out for the new camp, soon got into John's good graces. He was a man of varied talents: a gambler and saloon keeper when times were good; a miner, cow-puncher, or hunter when his money ran out. Rough, quick-tempered, and as ready with his fists as with his "gun," he was nevertheless possessed of a great heart and a loyalty to his friends that nothing could shake. Like many of his race he loved a fight and delighted to have a lively "argument" with a man. John's boldness and aggressiveness pleased him greatly, and he looked the boy over, enumerating his good points over to himself: his broad chest, sturdy legs and arms, his clear eyes and fearless look all showed to Malloy's experienced eye that he would make a first-rate boxer.

"I'll show that youngster how to put up his hands sure," he said to himself.

It was a tiresome journey, long and monotonous, but enlivened now and then by a hunt or an excursion. The train was to go by way of the Hart River road, and it seemed to the younger members of the expedition as if it would never be reached. But find it at last they did, a few wagon ruts not very clear nor strongly marked.

The boys' task was now much easier, for the way was marked plainly before them and it was comparatively smooth traveling. Many wide excursions were made on either side of the trail, and many hunting expeditions were indulged in.

After many days' journey the "Bad Lands" were reached. That desolate country, scarred and pitted, was void of vegetation except on the bottoms and near the infrequent water courses. Here the wagon road disappeared altogether, and the pioneers found it necessary in many cases practically to build one, to level some places and make inclines down steep banks at others. Often all the teams had to be hitched to one wagon in order to drag it up a sharp ascent or through a miry place.

In many spots the ground was very treacherous, especially at the edge of a cut. The soil was loose, pliable stuff, liable to give way under the weight of a horse.

One morning John was sent out on Baldy (his constant companion and faithful friend) to pick out, if possible, an easier way. Boy and horse started out on a smart trot, each having full confidence in the other—as was necessary, for almost as much depended on the sagacity of the steed in the matter of picking a way on dangerous ground, as in the intelligence of the rider. It was a task of considerable responsibility that was put on John's shoulders; the route was difficult enough to puzzle a professional civil engineer. Baldy was left to find his own way while this rider looked ahead to choose a road that could be traveled by the wagons. From time to time it became necessary to go down the almost perpendicular side of a conlie, when the horse would hunch his hind-legs, keeping his forelegs stiff and

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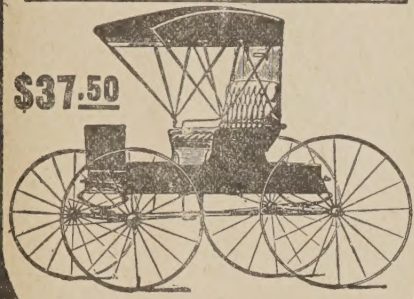
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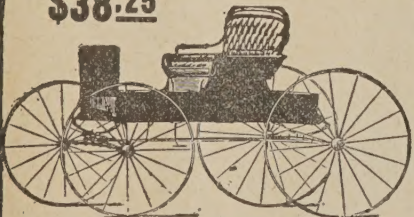
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Thousands a Week

Upon calling at the factory we found that this invention has caused a remarkable excitement all over the U. S.—that the factory is already rushed with thousands of orders and evidently the Company's representatives and agents are making big profits as they offer splendid inducements.

As will be noticed from the engraving, this OIL-GAS GENERATOR is entirely different from any other stove—although its construction is very simple—may be easily and safely operated and is built on the latest scientific principles, having no valves, which is a marked improvement, as all valves are liable to leak, carbonize, clog up or overflow.

By simply moving a knob the oil is automatically fed to a small, steel burner bowl or retort where it is instantly changed into gas, which is drawn upwards between two red hot perforated steel chimneys, thoroughly mixed with air and consumed, giving a bright blue flame—hottest gas fire, similar in color and heating power to natural gas.

This invention has been fully protected in the U. S. Patent Office and is known as the HARRISON VALVELESS, WICKLESS, AUTOMATIC OIL-GAS GENERATOR—the only one yet discovered that consumes the carbon and by-products of the oil.

The extremely small amount of Kerosene Oil that is needed to produce so large a volume of gas makes it one of the most economical fuels on earth and the reason for the great success of this Generator is based on the well known fact of the enormous expansiveness of oil-gas when mixed with oxygen or common air.

Oil-gas is proving so cheap that 15c to 30c a week should furnish fuel gas for cooking for a small family.

Kerosene oil from which oil-gas is made may be purchased in every grocery—is cheap and a gallon of it will furnish a hot, blue flame gas fire in the burner for about 18 hours and as a stove is only used 3 or 4 hours a day in most families for cooking, the expense of operating would be but little.

In addition to its cheapness is added the comfort, cleanliness—absence of soot, coal, dirt, ashes, etc. What pleasure to just turn on the oil—light the gas—a hot fire ready to cook. When through, turn it off. Just think; a little kerosene oil—one match—light—a beautiful blue gas flame—hottest fire—always ready—quick meals—a gas stove in your home.

It generates the gas only as needed—is not complicated, but simple—easily operated and another feature is its **PERFECT SAFETY.**

NOT DANGEROUS LIKE GASOLINE

And liable to explode and cause fire at any moment. This stove is so safe that you could drop a match in the oil tank and it would go out.

This Oil-Gas Stove does any kind of cooking that a coal or gas range will do—invaluable for the kitchen, laundry—summer cottage—washing—ironing—camping, etc. Splendid for canning fruit—with a portable oven placed over the burner splendid baking can be done.

Another Important Feature

Is the invention of a small Radiator Attachment which if placed over the burner makes a desirable heating stove during the fall and winter so that the old cook stove may be done away with entirely.

While at the factory in Cincinnati the writer was shown thousands of letters from customers who were using this wonderful oil-gas stove, showing that it is not an experiment but a positive success and giving splendid satisfaction and as a few extracts may be interesting to our readers we produce them:

L. S. Norris, of Vt., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Generators are wonderful savers of fuel—at least 50% to 75% over wood and coal."

Mr. H. Howe, of N. Y., writes: "I find the Harrison is the first and only perfect oil-gas stove I have ever seen—so simple anyone can safely use it. It is what I have wanted for years. Certainly, a blessing to human kind."

Mr. E. D. Arnold, of Nebr., writes: "That he saved \$4.25 a month for fuel by using the Harrison Oil-Gas Stove. That his gas range cost him \$5.50 per month and the Harrison only \$1.25 per month."

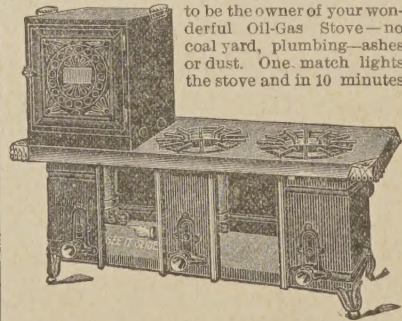
J. A. Shafer, of Pa., writes: "The Harrison Oil-Gas Stove makes an intense heat from a small quantity of oil—entirely free from smoke or smell—great improvement over any other oil stove. Has a perfect arrangement for combustion—can scarcely be distinguished from a natural gas fire."

Mr. H. B. Thompson, of Ohio, writes: "I congratulate you on such a grand invention to aid the poor in this time of high fuel. The mechanism is so simple—easily operated—no danger. The color of the gas flame is beautiful dark blue, and so hot seems almost double as powerful as gasoline."

Mrs. J. L. Hamilton, writes: "Am delighted—Oil-Gas Stoves so much nicer and cheaper than others—no wood, coal, ashes, smoke, no pipe, no wick, cannot explode."

Hon. Ira Eble, J. P., of Wis., writes: "Well pleased with the Harrison—far ahead of gasoline. No smoke or dirt—no trouble. Is perfectly safe—no danger of explosion like gasoline."

Chas. L. Bendeke, of N. Y., writes: "It is a pleasure to be the owner of your wonderful Oil-Gas Stove—no coal yard, plumbing—ashes or dust. One match lights the stove and in 10 minutes



ALL SIZES

breakfast is ready. No danger from an explosion—no smoke—no dirt—simply turn it off and expense ceases. For cheapness it has no equal."

Agents are doing fine—Making big money

WONDERFUL QUICK SELLER

Geo. Robertson, of Maine, writes: "Am delighted with Oil-Gas, so are my friends—took 12 orders in 3 days."

A. B. Slimp, of Texas, writes: "I want the agency—in a day and a half took over a dozen orders."

Edward Wilson, of Mo., writes: "The Harrison very satisfactory—Sold 5 stoves first day I had mine."

J. H. Halman, of Tenn., writes: "Already have 70 orders."

This is certainly a good chance for our readers to make money this summer.

Hundreds of other prominent people highly endorse and recommend oil-gas fuel and there certainly seems to be no doubt that it is a wonderful improvement over other stoves.

The writer personally saw these Oil-Gas Stoves in operation—in fact, uses one in his own home—is delighted with its working and after a thorough investigation can say to our readers that this Harrison Oil-Gas Stove made by the Cincinnati firm is the only perfect burner of its kind.

It is made in three sizes, 1, 2 or 3 generators to a stove. They are made of steel throughout—thoroughly tested before shipping—sent out complete—ready for use as soon as received—nicely finished with nickel trimmings and as there seems to be nothing about it to wear out, they should last for years. They seem to satisfy and delight every user and the makers fully guarantee them.



HOW TO GET ONE

All our lady readers who want to enjoy the pleasures of a gas stove—the cheapest, cleanest and safest fuel—save $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{3}$ on fuel bills and do their cooking, baking, ironing and canning fruit at small expense should have one of these remarkable stoves.

Space prevents a more detailed description, but these oil-gas stoves will bear out the most exacting demand for durability and satisfactory properties.

If you will write to the only makers, The World Mfg. Co., 6473 World Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio, and ask for their illustrated pamphlet describing this invention and also letters from hundreds of delighted users you will receive much valuable information.

The price of these Stoves is remarkably low, only \$3.25 up. And it is indeed, difficult to imagine where that amount of money could be invested in anything else that would bring such saving in fuel bills, so much good health and satisfaction to our wives.

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For full information regarding this splendid invention.

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A wonderful wave of excitement has swept over the country, for where shown these Oil-Gas Stoves have caused great excitement. Oil-Gas fuel is so economical and delightful that the sales of these Stoves last month were enormous and the factory is rushed with thousands of orders.

Many of our readers have spare time, or are out of employment and others are not making a great deal of money, and we advise them to write to the firm and secure an agency for this invention. Exhibit this stove before 8 or 10 people and you excite their curiosity and should be able to sell 5 or 8 and make \$10.00 to \$15.00 a day. Why should people live in penury or suffer hardships for the want of plenty of money when an opportunity of this sort is open?

Cattle Ranch to College

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stretched out to their fullest extent. Then he would fairly slide down on his tail.

John had found a place that he thought suitable for the night's camp, had traced out a way by which it might be reached, and had turned his pony back towards the wagons.

He thought to himself, as they slid down one bank and scrambled up the other, that it would be a bad place to be thrown. The surface was pitted with half-concealed badger holes, and in the bottoms were many spots where a horse might easily be mired. Baldy, however, knew his business and carried his rider over awkward places safely. John was congratulating himself on the successful conclusion of his errand when he came to the bank of what was in the early spring a roaring torrent, but which now lacked even a trickle of water. To the edge of this cut Baldy approached cautiously. John, anxious to get back to the wagons and report, urged him on.

With a shake of his head that seemed to say: "Well, you are the boss, so here goes; but I don't like the looks of it," the pony went forward, gathering his hindlegs under him to make his usual slide—when the ground beneath him gave way. Horse and rider went rolling down the slope, but as John felt himself falling he loosened his foot from the stirrup and leaped off, just in time. Boy and steed arrived at the bottom about the same time, but separately. John's mouth, eyes, nose, and ears were full of dirt and dried grass; in fact he always declared that he ate his proverbial peck of dirt then, all at once; but he soon discovered that, barring a few bruises and a badly hurt pride, he was all right. As soon as he got the dust out of his eyes and realized that the earth had not risen, out of special spite against him, he looked for his horse, and was much relieved to find that his four-footed partner had received nothing more than a bad shaking up. Baldy's attitude, however, was anything but dignified. His feet were waving in air, his head was buried in the loose soil, his body was so covered with mother earth that he seemed like some strange freak of nature. As the boy got up the horse looked at him, he thought, reproachfully and seemed to say: "I told you so."

"Yes, old chap," replied John aloud, "you do know a thing or two, and I'll trust you more next time."

John never told of his mistake and tumble, but explained the dusty appearance of himself and horse by reference to the well-known characteristic of the "Bad Lands," its stifling alkali dust.

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Among the Catalogues.

Almost as attractive as the Floral Catalogues are those which deal with the "small fruits." The smallest of the little books comes from C. W. Graham, Afton, New York. Nothing but the luscious strawberry is described and the very names, "Ruby," "Wonder," "Victor," make your mouth water at the thought of them!

A more elaborate catalogue comes from A. J. Collins at Morristown, N. J., which not only includes small fruits, fruit trees and ornamental shrubs, but all kinds of garden appliances as well. You can learn all about the best machines on the market, but can learn also how to fight all the pests which seem to love to attack the best and most valuable fruits. The cover is a rich corn-cob which shows up to advantage the strawberry plant which is its ornament.

From Berlin, Maryland, J. G. Harrison & Sons send out a most attractive list of fruit trees, ornamental bushes and trees, and rose bushes. They grow about fifty varieties of strawberries, and propagate the plants by the million. Indeed, one can guess the volume of business handled by this firm when it is known that they have over a thousand acres in nursery stock. The nurseries have been established over twenty years and are still growing, and they will fill your order with equal ease if it call for a dozen plants or ten thousand.

The Livingston Seed Co.'s Annual is a pretty book with its bright red "Hummer" tomato on the cover. One can hardly realize that our grandmothers grew these useful plants in pots for window ornaments, called them "Love Apples" and considered them poison! Besides all the vegetables which this firm make a specialty of, they also grow choice flower seeds, and their quilled and ruffled dahlias are beautiful.

Shumway's Catalogue almost comes under the head of a mammoth volume. There seems hardly anything that grows that cannot be found between its covers, and their ornamental gourds are almost as pretty as flowers. Their sweet peas are very choice, and the gladioli like butterflies. They, too, keep cultivating machines in stock, and make special rates for large orders.

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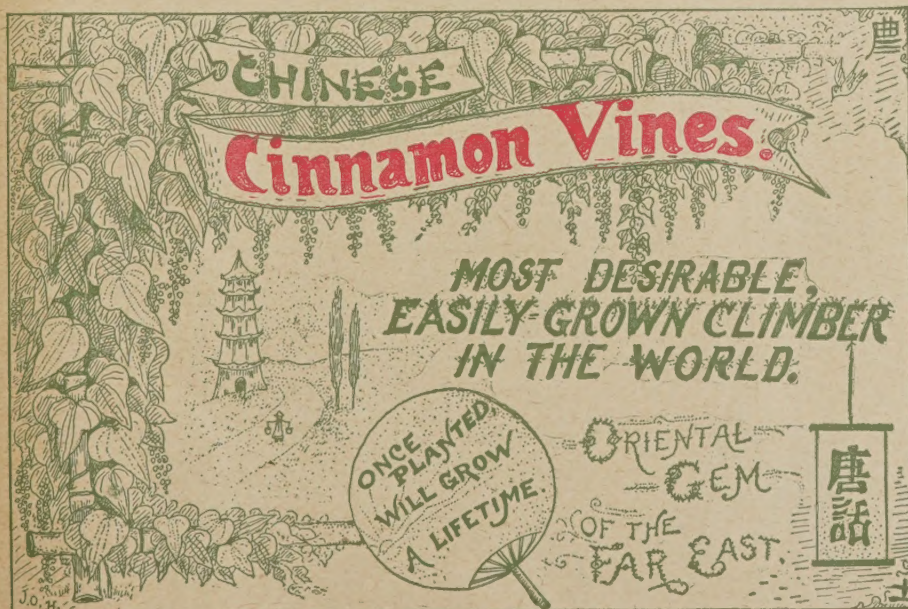
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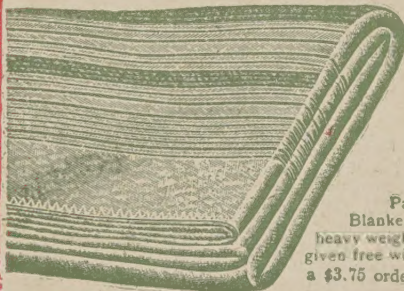
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